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No. 282.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1882.

FIVE DOLLARS  
PER QUARTER.

## For Sale.

### LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

ARE now showing a Large and Varied Assortment of

#### TOYS.

Comprising:  
ENGLISH AND FRENCH DOLLS.  
NOVELTIES IN MECHANICAL TOYS.  
NEW BRICKS AND PUZZLES.  
AUTOMATIC CHARIOTS AND WAGONS.  
ROCKING AND SPRING HORSES.  
CUBES AND MOSAIC BUILDING SETS.  
DRUMS, CYMBALS, AND OTHER MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS.  
CHILDREN'S TEA AND TETE A TETE SETS.  
PERCUSSION GUNS AND RIFLES.  
SWORDS AND HAPPY FAMILIES.  
CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENTS IN VARIETY.

&c., &c., &c.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, 10th November, 1882. [296]

## Insurances.

### YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

CAPITAL (Fully Paid-up).....Tls. 420,000.00  
PERMANENT RESERVE.....Tls. 230,000.00  
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND.....Tls. 290,553.95

TOTAL CAPITAL and ACCUMULATIONS, 8th May, 1882.....Tls. 940,553.95

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Policies granted on MARINE RISKS to all parts of the world.  
Subject to a charge of 12 per cent. for interest on Shareholders' Capital, all the PROFITS of the UNDERWRITING BUSINESS are annually distributed among all Contributors of Business (whether Shareholders or not) in proportion to the premia paid by them.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 13th May, 1882. [153]

#### GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED.)

CAPITAL TAELS 600,000; EQUAL \$833,333.33-  
RESERVE FUND.....\$70,858.27

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

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MARINE RISKS ON GOODS, &c., taken at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the world.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST,  
Hongkong, 1st September, 1882. [601]

THE Undersigned have been appointed AGENTS to the NEW YORK BOARD OF UNDERWRITERS.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.  
Hongkong, 15th June, 1881.

RECORD OF AMERICAN AND FOREIGN SHIPPING.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.  
Hongkong, 15th June, 1881. [457]

#### NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED.)

(CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000.)  
The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE,  
NO. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST,  
Hongkong, 1st February, 1882. [81]

## Intimations.

#### NOTICE.

THE GOLDEN SCISSOR,  
No. 13, POTTINGER STREET.

A. M. ROBIN  
(LATE OF T. M. LAWSON'S, CALCUTTA.)

TAILOR, Shirt and Braces Maker and General Outfitter. Mr. ROBIN invites Public Patronage and guarantees a perfect fit at Moderate Charges.

N.B.—Note the address.

THE GOLDEN SCISSOR,  
No. 13, Pottinger Street,  
Hongkong, 8th December, 1882. [197]

## Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION -  
OF  
VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on WEDNESDAY, the 27th day of December, 1882, at THREE P.M., on the Premises,

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE.  
ALL that PIECE or PARCEL OF GROUND being a PORTION of MARINE LOT No. 87, measuring North 35 feet, South 35 feet, East 39 feet, and West 39 feet, which said Piece or Parcel of Ground is Registered in the Land Office as Section B of Marine Lot No. 87.

Together with the TWO HOUSES on Queen's Road West, Nos. 13 and 17. Held for the residue of a term of 999 years. Yearly Crown Rent \$44.

For Further Particulars and Conditions of Sale, apply to

SHARP, TOLLER, & JOHNSON,  
Solicitors for the Mortgagee.

or to

J. M. GUEDES,  
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1882. [808]

## For Sale.

CHRISTMAS, 1882.

AS the above Festival is approaching, the Undersigned begs to inform the Community of Hongkong that he is prepared to Supply

CHRISTMAS CAKES of the best quality, weighing from 1 lb. to 10 lbs. ready on hand, or made to order any weight.

Also,  
MINCED PIES, ASSORTED TARTS, CAKES, FRENCH BISCUITS, AND RUSKS.

D. NOWROJEE,  
GROUND FLOOR, HONGKONG HOTEL,  
Hongkong, 16th December, 1882. [824]

KELLY & WALSH

HAVE JUST RECEIVED

EX S.S. "SARPEDON,"

A FRESH STOCK OF

COPE'S GOLDEN CLOUD TOBACCO.

1 lb. TINS, 1 lb. TINS, 1 lb. BOXES, 1 lb. BOXES.

Also,  
A STOCK OF THE FOLLOWING

AMERICAN TOBACCOS

ADAPTED EITHER FOR

PIPES OR CIGARETTES.

RICHMOND GEM MIXTURE.

MILD RICHMOND GEM.

RICHMOND GEM CURLY CUT.

PERIQUE AND VIRGINIA MIXTURE.

OLD RIP LONG CUT.

THE ABOVE ARE IN PACKETS AT

15 CENTS, 25 CENTS, & 35 CENTS EACH.

KELLY & WALSH'S

SPECIALTIES.

HAPPY THOUGHT—The favourite

Tobacco in the East, Medium

Strength, in Tins at.....\$1.50.

DOLLAR BRAND—Full Strength.....\$1.00.

STAR MIXTURE—Mild, Suitable

alike for Pipes or Cigarettes.....\$2.00.

GOLDEN EAGLE—Medium Strength.

This Tobacco is growing daily in

popular favour.....\$0.75.

CIGARETTES.

OLD JUDGE CIGARETTES in Boxes of 500.

CAPORALS.....do.

HALF CAPORALS.....do.

RUSSIAN CIGARETTES.

IMPORTED OVERLAND VIA SIBERIA

BY

KELLY AND WALSH—SHANGHAI.

LATELY RECEIVED.

A FINE STOCK

OF

CIGAR AND CIGARETTE CASES

IN

RUSSIA AND CALF

AND HAND PAINTED.

CIGAR AND CIGARETTE TUBES,

MEERSCHAUM PIPES,

PLAIN AND CARVED.

HOG OAK AND MYALL WOOD PIPES,

POUCHES AND TOBACCONISTS'

SUNDRIES.

KELLY & WALSH—HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 18th December, 1882. [559]

C. L. THEVENIN.

WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANT.

HONGKONG HOTEL BUILDINGS.

HAS FOR SALE

A FINE ASSORTMENT OF WHITE AND RED

BURGUNDIES

AT MODERATE PRICES.

A Capital AMONTILLADO SHERRY.

Assorted LIQUEURS of the best quality.

BONBONS, FRENCH PRESERVES,

FRENCH BUTTER AND CHEESE by Every

French Mail, PERFUMERY, &c., &c.

Hongkong, 2nd October, 1882. [664]

## Intimations.

### "NOVELTY STORE."

MARINE HOUSE, QUEEN'S ROAD.

NOW SHOWING A LARGE AND SELECT ASSORTMENT

OF

TOYS AND NOVELTIES

IN

ENGLISH, FRENCH, AND AMERICAN GOODS,

VERY SUITABLE FOR

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S PRESENTS.

Also

NEW NOVELS IN ENGLISH AND FRENCH,  
BOOKS OF REFERENCE IN ENGLISH AND FRENCH,  
RELIGIOUS WORKS IN ELEGANTLY BOUND COVERS,  
PICKWICK PAPERS,

AND

A VARIETY OF CHEAP NOVELS.

ALL QUITE NEW AND OFFERED AT MODERATE PRICES.

S. MEYERS,

Manager.

Hongkong, 6th December, 1882. [661]

THE CHEAPEST HOUSE IN THE EAST.

FOR BOOKS, STATIONERY, MUSIC AND MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, FANCY GOODS,

ARTISTS MATERIALS, &c., &c., &c.

### W. BREWER.

No. 15, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

TRANSLATIONS OF ZOLA'S NOVELS, INCLUDING POT BOUILLE, NANA, LASSOMONNOIR.

Balzac's Droll Stories.  
Hawthorne's "Pinner of Wakefield."  
Mrs. Bird's Travels in Japan, Cheap. ed.  
Hill's Manual of Social and Business Forms.  
Ingensell's Lectures, "Ghosts," "Gods," &c., &c.  
Ruskin's Works complete, in 15 vols.  
The Royal Romances.

Marvin's Russia's Advance towards India.  
Diamonds and precious Stones, by Dufalaf.  
Kemp's Handbook of Electric Testing.  
The Synod of Elvira, by A. W. Dale.  
Henri Dominique Lacordaire, by Lear.  
Vero Shaw's Book of the Dog.  
Stonchenge's Book of the Dog.

DITSON'S VOLS OF MUSIC.  
Gems of English Song.  
Silver Wreath.  
Musical Treasure.  
Organ at Home.

Gems of Strauss.  
Pianist's Album.  
Wreath of Gems.  
Silver Chord.

Gems of Scottish Song.  
Gems of Waldeufel.  
World of Song.  
Pianoforte Gems.

MASON AND HAMLIN'S BABY ORGANS.  
Hongkong, 8th December, 1882. [703]

### XMAS AND NEW YEAR PRESENTS,

1882-1883.

NOVELTIES FOR AUTUMN AND WINTER.

### ROSE & CO.

ARE NOW SHOWING THEIR NOVELTIES FOR

THE SEASON.

ELEGANTLY DESIGNED CLOCKS.  
VASES, JARDINERS, LANDSCAPE-PAINTED PLATES.  
TOILET SETS, &c.

PLUSH GOODS IN GREAT VARIETY.  
NECESSAIRES, WORK BOXES.  
CABINETS, PHOTO FRAMES, MIRRORS.

WALL AND CORNER BRACKETS AND WATCH STANDS.  
TABLE COVERS, GLOVE AND HANDKERCHIEF BOXES.  
&c., &c.

GRAPHOSCOPES, OLIVE WOOD WARE, BAGS AND BASKETS.  
BEADED BED SETS, BRACKET BEAD WORK AND BANNER SCREENS.  
LETTER AND CARD CASES, BRONZES.

PERFUME SATCHETS, ALBUMS.  
NOVELTIES IN ELECTRO PLATED WARE.  
THE MACKINNON PEN.

OEOGRAPHS, PRINTS.  
BROOCHES, EARRINGS.  
NECKLACES, STUDS, SOLITAIRES.

SCARF PINS AND RINGS.  
A LARGE AND SELECT ASSORTMENT OF TOYS.  
SKIN ROCKING HORSES.

MECHANICAL TOYS.  
MUSICAL TOYS.

DOLLS IN GREAT VARIETY, FRENCH AND ENGLISH.  
CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR CARDS.

BON BON COSAQUES AND CONFECTIONERY.  
WOOL WORK SLIPPERS, CUSHIONS, OTTOMAN COVERS, &c.  
LADIES' SUPERIOR FRENCH KID GLOVES 3, 4, 5, 8, 12 BUTTONS.

CENTS' BUTTON KID GLOVES \$1 PER PAIR.  
PARISIAN MANTLES, SEALSKIN MANTLES, CAPES, AND MANTLE TRIMMING.

CHRISTY'S FELT HATS. HOSIERY.  
NOVELTIES IN GENTLEMEN'S SHIRTS.  
STATIONERY AND PERFUMERY.

LOCKYER'S HAIR RESTORER.  
FRENCH POLISH FOR BOOTS.  
COATINGS, TROWSERINGS, SUITINGS, AND ULSTER CLOTHS.

TRAVELLING TRUNKS AND BAGS.  
MUSIC, GIFT BOOKS, TOY BOOKS, &c.

A FIRST CLASS MAGIC LANTERN AND SLIDES FOR LOAN ON HIRE.  
OUR DRESSMAKING AND MILLINERY DEPARTMENTS ARE UNDER

GOOD MANAGEMENT; TERMS MODERATE.

A LIBERAL DISCOUNT FOR PROMPT CASH PAYMENT.

ROSE & CO.,  
31 & 33, QUEEN'S ROAD—HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 7th December, 1882. [379]

SAYLE & CO.'S SHOWROOMS.

WE ARE NOW SHEWING EX "RECENT ARRIVALS."

ALL WOOL SCOTCH PLAIDS, AT 45 CENTS PER YARD.  
LADIES FUR-LINED CLOAKS FROM \$12 TO \$50 EACH.  
CLOTH AND MATASSIE DOLMANS, MANTLES, AND JACKETS,  
IN NEWEST SHAPES.

NOVELTIES DIRECT FROM PARIS IN  
MOIRE, BROCHE, OTTOMAN, AND SURAT DRESS SILKS.  
LADIES' SILK AND SPUN-SILK HOSE IN EVERY COLOUR.

KID GLOVES, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 BUTTONS.  
NOVELTIES IN CORSET LACE, AND CLASP KID GLOVES.  
INFANTS' CHILDREN'S AND LADIES' BOOTS AND SHOES IN EVERY SIZE.

&c., &c., &c., &c., &c.

A LIBERAL DISCOUNT FOR CASH.

SAYLE & CO.,  
VICTORIA EXCHANGE, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 16th November, 1882. [619]

## Notices of Firms.

#### NOTICE.

MR. MAX CARL JOHANN GROTE has been Authorized to Sign Our Firm in Hongkong and China from this date.

MELCHERS & Co.  
Hongkong, 21st November, 1882. [772]

#### NOTICE.

I have THIS DAY PURCHASED under a Bill of Sale, the GOODWILL, PLANT, MACHINERY, STOCK-IN-TRADE AND FIXTURES OF THE FIRM OF DE SOUZA & CO., PRINTERS, &c., OF HONGKONG; and beg to intimate that I will carry on the BUSINESS under the same Name.

By strict attention, First-class Workmanship, and Moderate Charges I hope to merit the Patronage of the Hongkong public.

F. D. GUEDES.  
Hongkong, 13th December, 1882. [817]

## Intimations.

THE UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED, will be held at the Society's Head Office, Hongkong, TO-MORROW, the 20th day of December, 1882, at FOUR o'clock, in the AFTERNOON, when the Subjoined Resolution will be proposed.

RESOLUTION.  
That each of the Existing \$5,000 Shares of the Society be divided into Four Shares of \$1,250 upon each of which the sum of \$125 shall be credited as paid up.

By Order of the Board,  
DOUGLAS JONES,  
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, Dated the 8th day of December, 1882. [805]

THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

#### NOTICE.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED from the 24th to the 31st instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
D. MCLAURIN,  
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 18th December, 1882. [829]

HONGKONG AND CHINA GAS COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED from the 23rd instant, until the 6th proximo, both days included.

(Signed) W. SIDNEY BAMSEY,  
Acting Manager.

Hongkong, 18th December, 1882. [827]

#### WANTED.

BY THE ADVERTISER A SITUATION AS OFFICE ASSISTANT OR STORE-KEEPER.

Address—  
M. E. G.  
Care of Hongkong Telegraph.

Hongkong, 13th December, 1882. [816]

#### WANTED.

AN ENGAGEMENT, either as BOOKKEEPER or GENERAL ASSISTANT, by a Gentleman, who has a few hours during the day, disengaged in case full office hours is required, arrangement might be made with a few days notice. Good references. Salary no object.

Apply to  
F.  
Care of this Office.

Hongkong, 10th November, 1882. [743]

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

SUMMARY JURISDICTION.  
SUIT No. 1340 OF 1882.

KWOK PAK AND OTHERS V. NG TANG AND ANOTHER.

ALL Persons having any Claims or Demands on the KWONG SUI LI Grocery Shop are requested to transmit the particulars thereof to me in order that the same may be examined and discharged; and all Persons who are indebted to the said KWONG SUI LI are required to pay the amount of their respective Debts to me forthwith, otherwise legal proceedings will be instituted for the recovery thereof without further notice.

Dated this 9th day of December, 1882.

CHUNG SHING HONG,  
Receiver.

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#### LOST.

A TRANSFER DEED with SCRIP attached for 20 LUZON SHARES, being one of two Transfers of the same number of Shares signed by the Hon. F. B. JOHNSON. The finder will oblige by returning it to the Under-signed and the holder of the other 20 Shares by sending them to the Company's Office for Transfer to enable the numbers of the missing Shares to be traced.

Also,  
TRANSFER DEED for 1 LUZON SUGAR SHARES in the name of Mr. C. P. CHATER.

D. NOWROJEE,  
Hongkong Hotel.

Hongkong, 7th



## Intimations.

CHRISTMAS  
AND  
NEW YEAR CARDS.

SEASON 1882-3.

## A. S. WATSON &amp; CO.

INSPECTION is invited of our Collection of CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR CARDS which have been carefully Selected in London from the Stocks of various makers.

THEY INCLUDE CHROMO LITHOGRAPHS

FROM

MARCUS WARD AND DE LA RUE,

HAND PAINTINGS

ON

CARD, IVORY, OAK AND IVORINE

AND

OTHER NOVELTIES.

A. S. WATSON & Co.,  
CHEMISTS, PERFUMERS, &c.  
HONGKONG DISPENSARY,  
HONGKONG. [431]

## NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

It is requested that all communications relating to Subscriptions, Advertisements, &c., be addressed to the "Manager, Hongkong Telegraph" and not to the Editor.

Letters on Editorial matters to be sent to "The Editor" and not to individual members of the staff.

Communications intended for publication must be accompanied by the name and address of the writer, not necessarily for publication; but as evidence of good faith.

While the columns of the Hongkong Telegraph will always be open for the fair discussion by correspondents of all questions affecting public interests, it must be distinctly understood that the Editor does not in any way hold himself responsible for opinions thus expressed.

## TO ADVERTISERS.

Advertisers are requested to forward all notices intended for insertion in that day's issue not later than THREE O'CLOCK so as not to retard the early publication of the paper.

## TO SUBSCRIBERS.

Arrangements have been made to publish The Hongkong Telegraph daily at 4 P.M. Subscribers in the central districts who do not receive their copies before FIVE O'CLOCK will oblige by at once communicating with the Manager.

## The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1882.

NOTWITHSTANDING the big bid made for notoriety at the meeting of the Legislative Council on Wednesday last by the Hon. F. BULKELEY JOHNSON, and the persistence with which the junior unofficial member thrust himself and his opinions before the assembly, it must be admitted that he only played a very minor rôle in the afternoon's performance. The hero of the day was, unquestionably that one bright, particular star of our local government employe the Honourable—we had almost written and Reverend—JOHN MACNEIL PRICE, Surveyor General of Hongkong. This clever master of the difficult art of diplomacy, apparently anxious to let off a pent-up deluge of rhetorical fireworks, by a piece of about the most bare-faced jobbery we have yet seen exhibited at any meeting of our local senate—and to which we will presently further allude—gained his opportunity, obtained unheeded licence from his complacent and accommodating superior, and after a most eloquent harangue, which for blitter invective, only partially concealed by innuendo, against the Governor, has probably never been equalled in the history of the Colony, and a rather pitiful display of vulgar self-laudation, posed before the community and the world as an injured martyr, the innocent victim of FORZ HENNESSY's high handed duplicity.

The Great Tragedian, BANDMANN, presented a touching spectacle when he appeared in Shakespeare's sublime tragedy Hamlet as the melancholy Dane, with his suit of sables, and black thread gloves complete, and with a crystal dewdrop of abnormal size, a conspicuous pendant to his still more conspicuous olfactory organ; but compared with patient official martyrdom on a monument of his own manufacture as represented by Mr. J. M. PRICE, BANDMANN, the eminent and chaste, sinks into utter insignificance. It was indeed a heart-rending sight to see the deeply injured Surveyor General with that sad and plaintive expression on his noble countenance, revealing how much he had suffered on becoming acquainted with the Governor's peccadilloes, and to hear his beautifully modulated voice playfully piling up against His Excellency, with daring effrontery and all the skill of a prepared and practised orator, by the media of insinuations, innuendoes, and direct accusations, an indictment of so serious a character, that were it true as a whole, or even in part, Sir John FORZ HENNESSY and Her Majesty's Colonial

Service would have parted company long ere now. But, is the indictment which has cost Mr. J. M. PRICE so much labour and study, so much research and scheming, and so much histrionic eloquence, true or even partially true? Ay, there's the rub, Mr. Surveyor General and gentlemen of the Hongkong Legislative Council. If these things uttered by this officer against his absent superior are true, and they ought to be, to justify Mr. PRICE, so perfect in their absolute accuracy as to deviate neither one way or the other to the extent of a single detail, the community of Hongkong, Her Majesty's Government, the citizens of the Mauritius and the British nation, require proofs, not mere insinuations unsupported by a title of reliable evidence; and it is for the Administrator of Hongkong to see that such proofs are forthcoming. Mr. J. M. PRICE of all men in the world ought to know that *la criminalité ordinaire fait qu'on s'y accoutume et que chacun la méprise*.

It is one thing dealing with a harmless gentleman of the type of Mr. BULKELEY JOHNSON, but quite another when your opponent is a clever and not over scrupulous politician like Mr. JOHN MACNEIL PRICE. The unofficial member belongs to a class of aspirants for public fame which was well described by JOHN BRIGHT when he alluded to Sir CHARLES ADDERLEY, then President of the Board of Trade, as a dull man, a pedlar in political vapidity. But Mr. JOHNSON's ally in this latest "put-up job" is a person of considerable attainments, whose career in Hongkong is a history of itself. Mr. J. M. PRICE is far and away the cleverest of all our heads of departments, and the best estimate of his abilities may be formed from the undoubted fact that in the inner mysteries of official diplomacy he has always run a good second to the Governor himself, and in a few instances he has even succeeded in getting the weather gauge of that wily disciple of BENJAMIN DISRAELI. The "put-up job" above referred to, is the barefaced medium introduced for the purpose of giving the Surveyor General the opportunity of "making a public statement as to the large public works he has in hand, or has orders to carry out," or, to speak more plainly, to make a most scandalous attack on the policy of the absent Governor of the Colony; an attack so violent, venomous, prejudiced, and unjust, so subversive of all the rules and regulations of government, and so audacious and unheard-of in the colonial history of the empire, that we cannot think Mr. J. M. PRICE has heard the last of his bold but somewhat imprudent course of action. Mr. BULKELEY JOHNSON, addressing the Administrator said:—"The question I have given notice of is to ask the Surveyor-General whether in connection with the Tytam water-works he has taken into consideration the recommendation as to the establishment of public lavatories in the colony. I ventured some months ago in the Chamber to call attention to this same subject, and I am glad to find in Mr. CHADWICK's report that he supports the recommendation. Any one who sees how the streams which fall down the north side of the island are polluted by the washermen, and the straits to which these people are reduced in the dry season, must be satisfied that the sanitation of the colony would be improved if some such system as that recommended by Mr. CHADWICK were adopted." Thereupon His Excellency called upon the Surveyor-General to answer the question of his hon. friend, and to make a statement as to the large public works he had in hand, or had orders to carry out, as such statement would be interesting both to the Council and the public. And then Mr. PRICE commenced his greatest public attack on the character and policy of Governor HENNESSY. The Administrator was probably correct in saying that Mr. PRICE's statement as to the public works he had in hand, and had orders to carry out, would be interesting to the public, but his action was nevertheless as singular as we believe, it was unprecedented in the history of the Colony, and we cannot but think that he laid himself open to severe censure in permitting the Surveyor-General to wander at will from his subject for the express purpose of accusing, flouting, and vilifying the officer who is still the Governor of Hongkong.

After a very careful perusal and analysis of the Hon. J. M. PRICE's exhibition of trumpet-blowing, one is rather astounded at the actual results of so much tall talk, apart from the covert attacks on the Governor. If the Surveyor-General intended, as requested by the Administrator, to afford the Council and the public some interesting information relating to the great works now in hand, he evidently forgot the ostensible purpose of his speech, in his anxiety to blacken the fair fame of his former friend and patron. Everything that Mr. PRICE said against Sir John FORZ HENNESSY has been repeated times out of number before the information regarding the Tytam Water Works, the Lock Hospital, the new Lunatic Asylum, the Public Mortuary, and Meteorological Observatory, excepting the lavish praises the modest orator showered on himself, is "stale, flat, and unprofitable." It was no doubt effective and quite theatrical for Mr. PRICE, in reply to the Administrator, to triumphantly announce that the work on the Tytam scheme was in hand, and that a commencement on the Hospital had been made that morning; but this style of playing to the gallery is somewhat too well known to be taken without a very large grain of salt. The stale dodge of endeavoring to make it appear that Governor HENNESSY had purposely lied to Earl KIMBERLEY on the subject of the conversion of the Lock Hospital into a General Hospital is quite unworthy of such a subtle diplomatist's talents. It could only mislead and deceive those who had an interest in being, or wished to be deceived and misled.

In the face of the decision of Lord KIMBERLEY, and notwithstanding that the Tytam Water Works have been actually commenced, we have good grounds for believing that Governor HENNESSY's opinion that Mr. PRICE's water supply projects are not needed in Hongkong and are far too costly, is the view of nearly all the intelligent residents of this Colony. The Tytam Water scheme is the most gigantic piece of humbug that has ever been foisted on an indifferent government, and an easy-going community. It may possibly prove an everlasting monument to Mr. J. M. PRICE, and an evidence of the utter imbecility of the government that sanctioned such a monstrous waste of public money. The only reason advanced as an argument in favor of the necessity for this scheme is contained in Mr. BULKELEY JOHNSON's rather ingenious explanation of his former opposition to it on the ground of its extravagance, and is to the effect that the funds at the disposal of the Colony amount to over a million dollars. Professionals laugh, as well they may, at Mr. J. M. PRICE's nonsensical technicalities. The Lock Hospital, Lunatic Asylum, Public Mortuary, and Meteorological Observatory need not be specially alluded to. As Mr. PRICE is paid for superintending the public works of this Colony, we are really unable to see any grounds on which he can base claims to public gratitude.

In concluding his oration the Surveyor General said:—"There is, of course, an undue amount of work of an ordinary nature which has devolved on the department over which I have the honour to preside, in consequence of the niggardly policy observed towards public works during the late administration. In conclusion, I have to express the hope that we have passed through a period of magnificent intentions to one of sober, earnest, unpretentious, action, and I have no doubt if I continue to be honoured with your Excellency's confidence, and if I can merit that of your Excellency's successor and retain that of members of this Council, I may yet do much during the next twelve months to retrieve the deplorable inaction of the past."—Let us at once frankly admit that these final observations, considered as a peroration, are worthy of all praise. But to be just it is only fair to show that they are rhetorical fluster, or in other words, cant and humbug. What does Mr. PRICE mean by "the deplorable inaction of the past"? Is it not a fact that the honorable gentleman arrived in Hongkong in January 1873, four years before the advent of Governor HENNESSY? What works did Mr. PRICE carry out from 1873 to 1877; and what did he accomplish from 1877 until he left for home two years ago? Why were these wonderful works, which were so urgently needed according to the Surveyor-General, not commenced before 1877? And above all, when Mr. JOHN MACNEIL PRICE was emulating the "old man eloquent," why did he not explain his reason for pigeon-holing the Breakwater papers and plans? And why did he not sing a paean in his own praise at the success (?) of that extraordinary work of scientific imagination?

A few short years ago Mr. PRICE was Governor HENNESSY's closest friend and most servile follower. It is not worth while going into the reasons which led to the final "burst-up" between the pair, and we only refer to it to show how men will change with time, and to afford those who may not be acquainted with the past, a fair opportunity of judging the Surveyor-General's attack on the Governor on its due merits. We think Mr. PRICE has been ill advised. If he imagines that the people of Hongkong are to be gulled by his plausible oratory he is sadly mistaken. We do homage to this accomplished government servant's vast ability; but we beg leave to take exception to his policy with regard to his superior officer, and consider that his remarks at the last meeting of the Legislative Council were of a most unjustifiable and reprehensible character, which the Secretary of State for the Colonies will scarcely permit to pass unnoticed.

## TELEGRAMS.

SIR CHARLES DILKE A CABINET-MINISTER.  
LONDON, December 18th.  
Sir Charles Dilke will enter the Cabinet shortly.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

RETURN of visitors to the City Hall Museum for the week ended 17th December, 1882:—European 189, Chinese 2479, total 2668.

A LODGE of Emergency of Zealand, No. 525, will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zealand Street, this evening, at 8.30 for 9 o'clock precisely.

A LODGE of Emergency of United Service, No. 1341, will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zealand Street, on Saturday evening next, the 23rd instant, at 7.30 for 8 o'clock precisely.

THE members of the Canton Amateur Theatrical Society will give a performance on Friday evening the 22nd inst. We have not received a programme, but understand that the *pièce de résistance* will be Henry J. Byron's popular burlesque "Faust and Marguerite." The committee having kindly favored us with a ticket, we hope to be present at the entertainment.

TELEGRAMS were received in Shanghai yesterday, says the Shanghai Mercury of the 14th inst., announcing the unexpected freezing over of the Peiho. In consequence of the sudden change in the weather, two steamers, the *El Dorado* and *Panthal*, were unable to get away. The *Panthal* was nipped at the double bend, and the *El Dorado* at the Nine Forts. It is not known whether the steamers were outward or inward bound at the time the ice pinned them in.

A TYPE-SLINGER named Philip Luz, whose name is not altogether unfamiliar, was cast in a fine of 50 cents this morning by Mr. Wodehouse for allowing fire-water to so master him yesterday, as to render him oblivious of the fact that he was knocking about the public streets in the condition known to the police as "incapable." We remember reading something in ancient history about Philip drunk and Philip sober, the object being to show that they were two quite different individuals, and doubtless Philip the type-slinger stands in the same position, and may be an excellent setter-up of "copy" and an estimable member of society when not under the domination of Bacchus.

A REMAND from the 13th instant of the case in which Inspector Lee charged his "boy" on suspicion of annexing 51 Mexicans belonging to him (Lee), having failed to throw any light on the subject of the whereabouts of the dollars, or as to the artful rascal who appropriated them, though suspicion points strongly to the servant as the culprit, Mr. Wodehouse discharged the defendant this morning, upon his own recognition in \$20 to appear in *propria persona* to answer any charge Inspector Lee or any other Inspector, sergeant, or constable may bring against him during the next three months. Celestial "boys" ever holding their personal recognition as too sacred a thing to be violated or ignored, we have no doubt Inspector Lee's servant will run at a break-neck pace to the station and give himself up immediately he learns there is any chance of a sustainable charge being brought against him.

A SPECIAL issue of the Government Gazette, circulated this morning, says:—"Whereas by section 25 of Ordinance 8 of 1879, it is provided that whenever the Governor in Council has reasonable cause for believing that any country or place is infected with any infectious or contagious disease, he may make such regulations concerning vessels arriving from such country or place as he thinks necessary for preserving the public health of the Colony. And whereas by an order of the Governor in Council bearing date the 5th day of October, 1882, Manila was declared to be a place infected with an infectious disease, viz., cholera. And whereas it has been made to appear to the Governor in Council that Manila is no longer infected, it is hereby ordered that the said order bearing date the 5th day of October, 1882, shall from this date cease to apply in respect of Manila: Provided that this order shall not affect the liability of any person in respect of any thing done, in breach of the said order whilst the same was in force."

COMPLAINTS respecting the want of system in sweeping the streets of the colony are becoming too frequent to be any longer ignored. A correspondent writes that on Sunday last, whilst journeying along the Praya, when about 100 yards from the Harbour office, he was much annoyed by the dust raised by seven or eight miserable-looking scavengers who were engaged in their usual occupation at the unseemly hour of 1.30 p.m. We confess that the complainant does not send his growl without good cause, for we have recently observed that the coolies employed in keeping the streets clean seem to be of opinion that the greater the dust they raise, the better they are doing their work, and this idea appears to be acted most strongly on if a European happens to be in the vicinity. We would ask if those men are not under some sort of supervision, and if they are not supposed to take their unsightly figures and implements from the public gaze before one hour and a half after mid-day? If the scavenging contractor is not required to have his work finished by a reasonable hour in the morning, it is quite time that some alteration were made in the contract. If, however, he is supposed to have the streets clean at an early hour, it is only right that some one from the proper department should see that a necessary public work is not allowed to develop into a nuisance. This matter should commend itself to the Surveyor General, and we can assure him that, if the rectifying of what appears to be a small matter does not bring him such everlasting fame as the Tytam Water Works, New Central School, and New Gael, to say nothing of the lavish praise which will undoubtedly be his when the Hongkong Tramway becomes an accomplished fact, it will at least obtain for him the thanks of an at present much suffering and half-with-dust choked community.

In the House of Commons on November 9th, Sir J. Pease asked the Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs whether instructions had been sent to Her Majesty's representative in China authorizing him to ratify that portion of the Chefoo Convention which related to the duties on opium in the form in which it appeared in the Convention articles of 1856, or whether any conditions had been attached to the ratification of that article of the treaty as suggested in the despatch of the Government of India, No. 312, of 1881.—Sir C. Dilke: Sir T. Wade has returned to this country in order to consult with Her Majesty's Government on the subject, but no decision has yet been arrived at.

A MEETING of the Perseverance Lodge, No. 465, was held last night for the installation of the W. M. Bro. P. B. C. Ayres for the ensuing year by the District Grand Master, who was accompanied by his Deputy and the grand Lodge officers. The following officers were invested:—

S. W. ....	Bro. E. George.
J. W. ....	P. Jordan.
Treasurer ..	A. Shepherd.
Secretary ..	A. Mackenzie.
S. D. ....	A. Woolley.
J. D. ....	G. Balliston.
Organist ..	J. S. Brewer.
D. C. ....	H. McCallum.
Steward ..	H. N. Mody.
J. G. ....	E. George.
Tyler ..	J. R. Grimble.

THE work of levelling and excavating the site of the new Roman Catholic Cathedral at "Glencally," above the junction of Caine and Arbuthnot Roads, progresses apace, under the able supervision of the Rev. Father Vigan, who is something of both a civil engineer and an architect. Some 130 men are employed on the site itself. An immense mass of hill, 320 feet long, 60 feet broad, and 48 feet high, has had to be cut away to clear the ground for building upon. By the time Bishop Raimondi arrives—about the 6th or 7th January, as his lordship does not seem to have reached Yokohama by the *Copile*, no telegraph-having been received from him—the Rev. Father expects to have everything ready for the laying of the foundation stone of the new Cathedral, which will be in the Gothic style, will form a noble addition to the architecture of the Colony. It will be 275 feet long internally, 135 feet broad in the centre, and 68 feet high, the tower, which will be in the front west corner, being 130 feet in height. Winding round the whole extent of the interior there will be a passage 18 feet wide raised off, its length being 640 feet. This will give great scope for the imposing processions in which the Catholic Church delights. There will be an area 600 square feet in the interior of the Cathedral for the congregation, not including that comprised in the sanctuary and the five chapels within the Cathedral. Sixty windows of stained glass will ornament the noble pile, which will have 38 granite columns. The principal altar will be constructed of Carrara marble, Gothic style, the small altars being of the same marble in the Doric style. A Grand Organ of 32 registers will discourse sacred music within its spacious walls, and there will be a peal of six bells to be brought specially from Lombardy, one set on the rotatory system, and one of joy bells. There will be two entrances to the Cathedral from Caine Road, one for chairs, and one for chairs and carriages. The principal entrance door will be on the south of the building, there being two side doors, one on the east and one on the west. Two thousand seats, with kneeling benches, will be arranged for the congregation and visitors, and it is estimated the new Cathedral will be capable of accommodating some 3000 people. The estimated cost of the whole, including the altars, organ, bells, &c., is \$750,000. The funds will be supplied by the *Propaganda de fide*, but it is hoped assistance will be given by private persons. We hear that the brothers Messrs. J. H. and D. Remedios have very generously made an offer to supply the bells and Grand Organ. The plans were drawn by the late Mr. John Crawley, the well-known London architect who has been succeeded by Mr. Joseph S. Hanson. Our local architect Mr. W. Danby made some alterations in the plans.

## RACING NOTES.

The weather was again fearfully raw at daylight this morning, and consequently a limited number of "sports" lodged an appearance at Wong-nai-chong. Proceedings there were of course rather uninteresting, the gossip round the coffee table about the number of nominations, prospects of a grand race for the Derby, and kindred subjects attracting far more attention than the work done by the various ponies. Mr. Henry's racers made their first appearance on the course, where, ridden by the veteran Joe Foxhound, Rialto, Incubus, and the two griffins Pelham and Rialto, went through a fair amount of trotting exercise. There are all fine looking ponies, and they should win a lot of races for the popular "mauve and straw" jacket of one of the keenest sportsmen in the Far East: First Comet, Filbert, and other celebrities were at steady exercise. Mr. Lewis's white griffin Wreath overpowered Trian and halloped nearly six furlongs before being stopped. This pony got over the ground in very good form. Mr. Capel cantered Blunder Blas the length of the straight, this powerful animal moving in a very suspicious style, and we shall not be surprised to see him break down during training. In any case he is a very much overrated animal, and will indeed be lucky if he wins a single race. The young gentleman and the dun griffin, alluded to in "An Old Sportsman's" notes on Saturday last, made another exhibition of themselves this morning, and they will certainly come to grief one of these days.

Exactly thirty nominations have been taken out for the Hongkong Derby of 1883, which is just the number we estimated. The worthy C. C. is as tight as wax as to the nominations, although we really cannot see why there should be any secret about the matter. The nominations for races at home are always published in the newspapers, and we think it would not doubt interest the public, we think Mr. Topp should have furnished the local press with all necessary particulars. But, then, as someone may say, Hongkong is so conservative, and no doubt it is; but at the same time it could very well afford to lose a good deal of its snobbish so-called conservatism and be none the poorer for the loss. However, we can give a pretty accurate guess as to the nominations, and also the number of nominations. A new addition to the active ranks of our local turfmen? Mr. Tasman, heads the poll with seven nominations, three of which, we understand, are specially reserved for another owner, Messrs. Kerfoot, Paul, and Gordon run a dead heat for second place with four each, and then come Mr. St. Andrew and Mr. Henry with one less. Messrs. Vincent and Bromhead, two new aspirants for turf honors, are down for a couple each, which brings the total up to 29, and it is just possible that the young "sport" above mentioned, has launched out into a nomination for the short-tailed dun-packer chase. We can safely calculate upon a large entry, probably not fewer than 20, and with such a powerful opposition we should, certainly, have in 1883, the best contested and most exciting Hongkong Derby on record.

## MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held at the Council Chamber, Government offices, this afternoon, the business on the agenda being the second reading of the several bills particularly in our issue of Saturday last, after which the Council was to meet in finance committee for the despatch of financial business. There were present:—His Excellency the Administrator (the Hon. W. H. Marsh), the Hon. George Philipps, Chief Justice; the Hon. F. Stewart, Acting Colonial Secretary; the Hon. E. L. O'Malley, Attorney-General; the Hon. J. Russell, Colonial Treasurer; the Hon. J. M. Price, Surveyor-General, and the Hon. P. Ryrie and the Hon. F. B. Johnson, unofficial members. Mr. Deacon, of the firm of Brereton, Wotton Deacon, and Mr. W. Danby, attended in connection with the Tramways' bill. The minutes of the last meeting having been read, by the Clerk of Councils and confirmed, Mr. Johnson, upon a nod from the Administrator, rose, and referred to the notice he gave at the last meeting as to certain questions he intended to ask in reference to the smuggling of opium and other goods between this Colony and the mainland, and the acts of violence said to have been committed, and after referring to the report of the Police Inspector at Shanghai as to an affair between smugglers and the Revenue cruisers involving loss of life, expressed his surprise that the Government did not communicate the fact to the Chamber of Commerce. The report, he said, did not, of course, relate to allegations as to naval engagements in the harbour, and was for the most part given work on the part of the Inspector. Certain statements in the report were so serious, it was unaccountable the Government did not make a strict inquiry into the whole affair. It was not the duty of this Government to prevent infraction of the Chinese Revenue laws, and so long as cheats of opium were charged with so heavy a duty, smuggling would take place, but acts of violence in our jurisdiction ought to be put down. If the statements in Mr. Creagh's report, and those in Sir John Pope Hennessy's Nottingham address are true, the responsibility rested on the Government of the Colony. His honorable friend on his left (Mr. Ryrie) objected to the blockade, not because it prevented smuggling, but because dues were levied in excess of what was right. He (Mr. Johnson) believed the statements made were grossly exaggerated, and it was high time an inquiry into all the facts should take place. Instead of putting the questions of which he had given notice, he would ask that a Commission of Inquiry be appointed, which would also throw some light on the blockade question. He would move a resolution that such a Commission be appointed to enquire into all the circumstances relating to smuggling, Mr. Russell seconded, and said it was absolutely necessary to ascertain the real state of things as to smuggling, as this port being made the basis of smuggling operations might interfere with the proper collection of the revenue by the Chinese Government. It was said Hongkong was a smuggling depot, but he never saw it put forward until Sir John Pope Hennessy made the statement. Mr. Ryrie thought an inquiry might be made by the Executive of the Colony, and that if a Commission sat and the proceedings were published, it might do the Colony more harm than good, as the Chinese Government would take advantage of it and take up everything that favored their own views of the case. He did not see why the police should not stop acts of violence if committed in our waters; if outside, it didn't concern us. He doubted if the great engagement, with 100 on one side and 50 on the other, ever took place. He had visited the place, and he could see no attempt at a protection service, there being only a few illiterate coolies in charge, and no semblance of a protection service worthy the name. The police could make enquiries and obtain every information without a Commission. He supposed there was a law in the Colony which prevented armed bands from leaving it. The Administrator said he thought it would be more satisfactory to the Government, and the public to have a Commission to enquire into the alleged smuggling. The evidence need not be published. Valuable evidence could be obtained from the Chinese, and from the officers of the Revenue Cruisers. If the evidence were to be published, they might not like to give any at all. An understanding that it would not be published could be made with them. The attack referred to by the Inspector, he understood, occurred on the mainland, not on the water. The whole thing was devised in Chinese territory. The smugglers were beaten back by the Revenue Cruisers and went to the mainland. He did not think the Government was responsible. He had instructed Captain Denne to give every information in such manner, and he also wrote to the Consul at Canton asking him to inform the Viceroy that we should be most anxious to encourage smuggling. He thought it most useful and desirable to appoint a Commission of Inquiry, and would take an early opportunity of doing so. Our early hour of going to press will not allow of our giving any more of the Council's proceedings to-day.

## NINGPO.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

December 14th.  
Recently invitations to dinner and dinner have been the order of the day, owing to the departure for Shanghai of one of our community. We refer to Mr. M. Moses, Esq., representative of the firm of Messrs. David Sassoon, Sons and Co., of this port. During his stay amongst us, this gentleman has made himself generally popular by his well-known hospitality, and the hearty manner in which he entered into any little scheme for our amusement. Mr. Moses left yesterday morning for Shanghai, and many of his old friends went to see him off; nor were the natives to be outdone in expressing their kindly wishes towards him, as many of them were there, and with a *feu de joie* of fire-crackers, joined in wishing him bon voyage. We feel sure that Mr. Moses carries with him the hearty good wishes of the entire community.

The weather is fine but cold, we have had sleet, and now is seen out of the mountain tops, recently very high, and have inundated the land and part of the main street.

It is with pleasure we see the restoration of our Protestant church just drawing to a close, the beautiful stained glass memorial window placed in commemoration of the late lamented Bishop Russell, is completed, and we learn that on next Christmas day (25th), the church is to be opened and divine service conducted.

The "Wenchowies" have had their monotonous existence stirred up by the public celebration of a Chinaman, who was some years ago the only way connected with the Burns Association, and this year Mr. Burns had called no little excitement.



## NEWS BY THE FRENCH MAIL.

The Messageries Maritimes Co.'s steamer *Djemah*, Captain De Boissacq, with the London mails of the 10th ult., arrived in harbour late yesterday afternoon. The following telegrams appear in the Indian papers:—

PARIS, November 22nd.  
M. Sottelot, the traveller, has written a letter to a French Deputy stating that the Sultan of Laila has ceded to him the bank of Tajurah in the Gulf of Aden.

ST. PETERSBURG, November 24th.  
Disturbances have taken place amongst the students here. Warsaw and Carkoff Colleges have been closed; one hundred students have been arrested in St. Petersburg.

CONSTANTINOPLE, November 24th.  
Montenegro threatens to occupy Kolitchin unless ceded immediately. Turkey has sent troops to the frontier, and has telegraphed the powers regarding the same.

LONDON, November 24th.  
Lord Hartington, replying to a question in the House of Commons, said it was not decided to what distance the Railway beyond Sibi towards Kandahar will extend.

November 25th.  
The Governor of South Australia has been appointed Governor of New Zealand; the Governor of Western Australia has been appointed Governor of South Australia.

The Duke of Edinburgh is indisposed with an attack of bronchitis.  
Mr. Childers is in a prostrate state from overwork, and is going abroad.

Sir Andrew Clarke, Inspector General of fortifications and works, has arrived at Cairo to improve the sanitary arrangements of the quarters occupied by British forces.

November 26th.  
The Duke of Edinburgh is recovering from his attack of bronchitis.

A detective was shot at and killed by a Fenian at Dublin last evening. The assassin, who was arrested, was dangerously wounded by another detective. Other arrests have been made.

The Queen yesterday invested the recipients of the Orders of the Bath and of the Star of India and St. Michael and St. George at Windsor Castle.

Colonel Redvers Buller has been appointed Knight-Commander of St. Michael and St. George.

Mr. Raikes is far ahead of opponents in polling for the Cambridge University.

27th November.  
One of the juries in the trial of Michael Walsh, who was sentenced to death last September for shooting Constable Kavanagh at Letterfrack, County Galway, was stabbed yesterday by two assassins in Dublin and mortally wounded. The assassins effected their escape in a car. A ballist was stabbed later in Dublin yesterday. Extra police have been put on in Dublin, and the whole force is now armed with revolvers.

Negotiations have been broken off between France and Madagascar. Envoys from the Queen of Madagascar arrived in London yesterday.

Lord Salisbury has been presented with the freedom of Edinburgh after several days' stumping in Middleham.

CONSTANTINOPLE, 27th November.  
Asin Pasha has been appointed Minister of Foreign Affairs.

LONDON, November 28th.  
The murder of the detective police officer has caused great consternation in Dublin.

It is reported that Montenegro has agreed to compromise respecting Kolitchin.

Parliament is expected to prorogue on Friday next until February.

Mr. Gladstone, replying to a question in the House of Commons, said that the Supplementary Estimate until October 1st amounted to £750,000 for the Army, and £310,000 for the Navy. The actual charge to India was below the estimate, and only amounted to £1,140,000. The total charge to England and India was £2,500,000. He then said that from the 1st October the Egyptian Government would pay the whole or nearly the whole expenses connected with British occupation.

Mr. Raikes has been elected member for the Cambridge University.

CONSTANTINOPLE, November 28th.  
It is semi-officially stated that the Porte has resolved to maintain Turkish sovereignty in the Red Sea, and to prevent the Chiefs from ceding their territory.

LONDON, November 29th.  
Sir C. Dilke, replying to a question in the House of Commons last night, said that the Russian troops had advanced as far as GAWORS, which is situated between Asterabad and Bala Urma, and that the Russian Cavalry had traversed the country from Atak to Berege. He said it is believed that the Russian troops had reached Atak.

A Proclamation has been issued enforcing the Curfew Clause of the Coercion Act in Dublin.

A reward of £5,000 has been offered for the murderer of the jurymen in the Walsh trial.

Lord Granville, replying to a deputation, said he was unwary of the existence of any treaty conceding to the French the protectorate over Madagascar.

The Native Indian officers leave England to-day for Bombay.

CAIRO, November 28th.  
Lord Dufferin has advised the Egyptian Government to drop the charges against Arabi in connexion with the massacres and burnings in Alexandria.

MADRAS, November 27th.  
It is considered probable that the Duke of Connaught will succeed General Fyfe in Command of the Mysore Division at Bangalore.

General Fyfe's term has expired, but he will probably remain till the arrival of the Duke, who would have the advantage of serving under Sir Frederick Roberts.

LONDON, November 30th.  
The health of the troops in Egypt is improving.

Sir A. D. Heyter, replying to a question in the House of Commons, said the officers of the British army of occupation in Egypt receive a daily extra allowance of three shillings, which is chargeable to the Egyptian Government.

The Bishop of Oxford is very ill.

Mr. Lessaps has declared that the Suez Canal Company intend spending 50 millions of francs in widening and deepening the Canal so as to raise the tonnage to six millions annually.

December 1st.  
Mr. Trevelyan, replying to a question in the House of Commons, said if the members of the National League continued their inflammatory speeches, the League would be suppressed.

The Government refusing to recognise the sovereignty of Queen Ronovala over the whole island.

Sir J. Pope Hennessy was among the visitors to the lobby of the House of Commons on the 8th inst.

Mr. C. F. A. Sangster, of the Hongkong Civil Service, has been admitted a student of the Middle Temple.

At a meeting of the Metropolitan Board of Works it was resolved that the Lord Chamberlain should be informed that the board considered the Criterion Theatre in its present structural condition unfit for a place of public entertainment.

It is semi-officially stated that the Turkish Ambassador has not yet preferred any claim to the Foreign Office to insist upon the consent of the Porte to the investiture of the new 'Iley of Tunis, but that any such revival of an obsolete pretension, if made, will be peremptorily rejected.

The *Limet* 5, double-screw composite gun-boat, 767 tons, 1,040-horse power, which was commissioned on September 10th, at Chatham, by Commander Hayis, with a crew of eighty-two officers and men, for the China station, to relieve the *Liby*, is now at Portsmouth awaiting her sailing orders.

Among the Hamilton MSS. just sold to the German Government is one written in golden initial letters on purple velvet, and dates from the seventh century. It is the copy of the Gospel in Latin, presented to Henry VIII. by Leo X. on the occasion of conferring on him the title of Defender of the Faith.

The Earl of Rosbery has delivered his inaugural address as rector of the University of Edinburgh, and spoke at some length on patriotism, which he defined as the self-respect of race.

In Scotland, he thought, the spirit of patriotism required direction rather than sustenance. Let them win in the competition of international well-being and prosperity. The standard of mankind was not so exalted but that a higher could be imagined and attained.

The gunboat *Mosquito*, Lieut.-Commander the Hon. F. R. Sandilands, from the China station, the crew of which performed such excellent service in the Egyptian war, was paid off in Devonport dockyard on the 7th inst. The Commander-in-Chief (Sir Houston Stewart) was in the yard as the men were quitting the vessel for their usual six weeks' leave, and shook many of them warmly by the hand as they proceeded through the gates.

Colonel E. A. Stuart, half-pay, Lothian Regiment, who has been appointed to the command of the 91st Regimental District, at Stirling, in succession to Colonel M. de la P. Bercford, served at the siege of Sebastopol, where he was severely wounded (medal with clasp, 5th Class of the Medjidie, and Turkish Medal). He served also in the campaign of 1860 in China, including the taking of Sino and Tangu, the occupation of Tientsin and the surrender of Peking (medal with two clasps).

Stad-Comander John William King, R.N., of Vernon house, Worthing, died last week, in his seventieth year. The deceased entered the Navy in 1829. He served as acting master of the *Madeste* and *Wellington* on the coast of China in 1840-42, and was present at all the operations up to the capture of Ningpo. He was specially mentioned in despatches for "real and intelligence in surveying and sounding the different passages for the advance of the squadron, and the gallantry he displayed in the various attacks upon the enemy." Mr. King was the author of the Admiralty Channel, Pilot, and other Sailing Directories.

A dangerous shoal has lately been placed upon the Admiralty chart No. 8, Sheet 4, of the Red Sea. As the official hydrographer has not issued a "Notice to Mariners" on the subject, and the shoal is still unmarked on the general chart of the Red Sea, it may be advisable to call attention to this new danger. This 19-foot patch lies to the northwest of Jebel-Tier Island, near the 100 fathom line on the western side of the Falway of the Red Sea, in latitude 15 deg. 38 min. N., and longitude 41 deg. 28 min. E. From the shoal the summit of Jebel-Tier Island bears E. by S. 1/2 S., distant 21 miles. Depths of five fathoms are shown for two miles to the southward of this shoal, and S. 1/2 E., nine miles from the 19-foot patch, another bank of five fathoms is marked.

The present week is one of some note in journalistic annals. On November 7th, 1665, was issued the first number of the existing *London Gazette*, the oldest paper in England, though not in Europe; it being some thirty years junior to the *Gazette de France*. The *London Gazette* was first published at Oxford, whither the Court had retired on account of the plague; the first London number appearing on February 5th in the following year. During some years it was the only paper allowed to circulate; hence the Newspapers. Germany is said to have waited for a regular newspaper till the year 1715; for a free Press she is still waiting. Of English unofficial papers the *Reading Mercury* claims to be the most ancient, and is certainly upwards of 150 years old. The *Times* claims rather more than five years to complete the first century of its life, at least under its present name. The *Daily Universal Register* first appeared on January 19th, 1785; its appellation being changed to *The Times* on January 1st, 1788. The *Morning Post*, the senior of the great London dailies, completed its hundredth year in 1881.

The first attempt at cultivation of opium in intertropical Africa has been made at Chama, near Mopeia, about four miles from the Zambezi, and on the banks of the Quana. Mr. Guyot lately visited the place, and has described the operations to the Paris Academy. The space occupied is between the two rivers Muto and Quana. The fields were first sown in 1879; in 1880 the surface sown was 44 hectares; in 1881 about double that quantity. In 1881 there were 300 workers engaged, 250 of whom were blacks and 50 natives of India. The opium is gathered 75 days after sowing, whereas in India the harvest does not commence till about the 110th day. The product per hectare was—in 1880, 55 to 60 kilogrammes of raw opium (as against 30 kilogrammes in an average in India). The water required is taken from two recently-connected lagoons by means of a locomotive which raises it 550 metres; it then flows into the plantation through pipes. (A second machine was to be set up this year.) The plant is not subject to any parasite, but the wind at harvest-time may seriously compromise operations. The soil is worked in primitive style with the hoe; ploughs drawn by oxen have been tried, but these animals suffer greatly under the burning sun. The gathered opium gives off a slight odour; it is not, it is not supplied to commerce in its first viscous, pasty state, but is mixed with 80 per cent. of a special matter, and formed into balls of 500 grammes. These balls are carefully put in cases that hold 140; at the bottom is a powder formed of the empty capsules and leaves of the poppies and a layer of cotton. Sent to India, the Zambesi opium fetches 50 to 60 francs the kilogramme.

STEAMERS EXPECTED.  
The O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Bellerophon*, from London, left Singapore for this port on the morning of the 11th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 20th.

"THAMES-STREET INDUSTRIES," by Percy Russell. This illustrated Pamphlet on Perfumery, &c., published at 6d., may be had gratis from any Chemist or dealer in perfumery in the World, or JOHN GOSNELL & Co., London.—[ADV.]

## To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.  
THE 3/3 L. I. American Ship

"C. F. SARGENT,"  
Atherton, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.  
For Freight, apply to  
RUSSELL & Co.  
Hongkong, 19th December, 1882. [830]

FOR NEW YORK.  
THE 3/3 L. I. American Bark

"SAMUEL D. CARLETON,"  
Freeman, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.  
For Freight, apply to  
RUSSELL & Co.  
Hongkong, 19th December, 1882. [831]

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

NOTICE JOAO JOSE DA SILVA & SOUZA  
of Victoria, Hongkong, Printer, having been Adjudged Bankrupt under a Petition for Adjudication Filed in the Supreme Court of Hongkong in Bankruptcy on the 6th day of December, 1882, is hereby notified to surrender himself to EDWARD JAMES ACKROYD, Esquire, the Registrar of the said Court, at the FIRST MEETING OF CREDITORS to be held by the said Registrar on the 3rd January, 1883, at 11 o'clock in the Forenoon, precisely, at his CHAMBERS, SUPREME COURT.

The said EDWARD JAMES ACKROYD, Esquire, is the Official Assignee, and Messrs. STEPHENS and HOLMES are the Solicitors in the Bankruptcy.

A Public sitting will hereafter be appointed by the said Court for the said Bankrupt to pass his final Examination, and to make application for his Discharge, of which sitting due notice will be given in the "HONGKONG GOVERNMENT GAZETTE."

At the First Meeting of Creditors the Registrar will receive the proofs of the Debts of the Creditors, and the Creditors who shall have proved their Debts respectively, or the majority in value of the said Creditors, are hereby directed to choose at such meeting an Assignee, or Assignees, of the Bankrupt's Estate, to be called the Creditors' Assignee or Assignees.

Dated this 19th day of December, 1882.  
STEPHENS & HOLMES,  
Solicitors in the Matter.

WANTED TO RENT.  
FROM THE MIDDLE OF DECEMBER UNTIL MARCH.

A FURNISHED FAMILY RESIDENCE, IN A HEALTHY SITUATION, GARDEN, STABLE, AND COACH HOUSE. Full Particulars to be sent to  
E. B.,  
Hongkong Telegraph Office. [668]

Intimations.

J. M. GUEDES.

HOUSE AND LAND BROKER, AUCTIONEER AND COMMISSION AGENT.  
No. 33, WELLINGTON STREET, HONGKONG.  
Hongkong, 23rd January, 1883. [62]

F. D. GUEDES.  
WINE MERCHANT AND GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT.  
No. 33, WELLINGTON STREET.  
HAS always on hand a large assortment of CHOICE WINES of the best quality, at Moderate Prices.  
Hongkong, 2nd October, 1882. [663]

MR. A. HAHN'S DANCING CLASSES.  
HAVE BEEN OPENED.  
THIS DAY.  
For Terms, &c., apply to  
A. HAHN,  
No. 8, BEACONFIELD ARCADE,  
Hongkong, 1st November, 1882. [722]

INTERNATIONAL NOVELTY COMPANY.  
KOOLANGSOO, AMOY, (CHINA).

IMPORTERS OF EUROPEAN AND AMERICAN NOVELTIES.  
EMILE PFANKUCHEN,  
Manager.  
Amoy, 22nd August, 1882. [527]

STAG HOTEL.  
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.  
GOOD ACCOMMODATION FOR VISITORS.  
ENGLISH & AMERICAN BILLIARDS.  
Tiffin at One o'clock, Dinner at 7 o'clock.  
This Hotel is most centrally situated and within easy distance of the principal landing places.  
J. COOK, Proprietor. [475]

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PRINTERS, STATIONERS, AND BOOKBINDERS.  
D'AGUIAR STREET.

EVERY KIND OF WORK EXECUTED WITH ACCURACY, NEATNESS, AND DESPATCH ON VERY MODERATE TERMS.

SELECTED MATERIALS FOR MARKET REPORTS.  
Book-binding and Ruling in every style executed at low rates. Workmanship Guaranteed.  
Hongkong, 23rd August, 1882. [582]

THE CITY OF MANILA CIGAR STORE.  
HAS FOR SALE  
CIGARS of all Brands, Imperiales, Caballeros, Vagueros, Regalias, Londres, Nuevo Habana, and all makes, quality guaranteed. TOBACCOES of all Brands, at moderate prices. FANCY GOODS from the Parisian markets, Meerschaum Pipes, Jewellery of Choice Designs. Sun Hats, &c., &c.; Commissions Executed.  
JOSE M. BASA,  
No. 51, B, QUEEN'S ROAD, CENTRAL.  
Hongkong, 1st May, 1882. [297]

## Intimations.

CHRISTMAS, 1882.

LANE, CRAWFORD &amp; CO.

HAVE NOW ON VIEW A VERY CHOICE SELECTION OF PRESENTS AND TABLE DELICACIES FROM THE BEST LONDON, PARIS, AND NEW YORK HOUSES, COMPRISING—

Perfume Caskets in oak, onyx and mosaic.  
Writing Sets in onyx and nickel plated.  
Ladies' Dressing Cases and Cabinets, handsomely lined and fitted.  
Vases and Table ornaments of the newest patterns.  
Albums and Photograph frames in great variety.  
Glove and Handkerchief Sets.  
Ladies' Work Bags and Baskets, fitted.  
Grog Baskets.  
Handsome Cigar and Cigarette Cases and Boxes.  
Dresden Figures.  
Handsome boxes filled with Bonbons.  
This Season's Gift Books.  
Electro Plated Epergnes and Centre Pieces.  
Tea and Coffee services in new styles.  
Handsome Corner and Wall Mirrors.  
Novelties in China wall Flower Baskets.  
The latest Aesthetic Lamps.  
Menu and Dinner Cards.

A VERY CHOICE AND VARIED ASSORTMENT OF TOYS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS.

Comprising—  
Drums, Cymbals and other musical instruments.  
Railway Trains with rails.  
Rocking and Hobby Horses.  
India-rubber Balls and other Toys.  
Cubes and Mosaic Building Sets.  
Children's Tea and Tete a tete Sets.  
Dolls Dressed and speaking and moving.  
Alphabetical Blocks.  
Mules, Dogs, Elephants, Horses.  
Boys' Tools Chests.  
The Bicycle Race.  
Perambulators.  
Automatic Chariots and Wagons.

CHRISTMAS DELICACIES.

Comprising—  
Christmas Cakes.  
Mince Meat.  
Plum Puddings 3lbs. to 9lbs.  
Christmas Cakes 4lbs. to 12lbs.  
Choice French Plums.  
Dessert Fruits in Noyeau and Brandy.  
Jordan Almonds.  
Pudding Raisins.  
Zante Currants.  
Sultana Cheese.  
Cheddar Cheese.  
Assorted Candies.  
Assorted Fruits.  
Tunny Fish.  
Spiced Ox Tongues.  
Smoked Ox Tongues.  
Ox Tongues in Jelly.  
Collared Ox Tongues.  
Pic Nic Tongues.  
Lemon Barley Sugar.  
Assorted Choice French Bonbons.  
Crystallized and Metz Fruits.

A LARGE STOCK OF WINES OF THE BEST BRANDS AND AT VERY MODERATE PRICES.

Comprising—  
Saccagne and Culer, Palmer & Co.'s Sherries, from \$8 to \$13.  
Very Choice Pure Port, direct from Oporto, \$12.  
A Delicious White Port, very delicate and Soft, \$13.  
Chamberlain, \$16.  
Krug's Private Cuvée Champagne.

The Newest Cosnaques and Table Crackers, of most resthetic colours, and in variety and novelty of design far surpassing the assortment of former years.  
Hongkong, 2nd December, 1882. [790]

J. ULLMANN &amp; CO.

42, QUEEN'S ROAD.

HAVE ALWAYS ON HAND A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF GOLD AND SILVER WATCHES AND CHRONOMETERS, CLOCKS OF ALL KINDS, BAROMETERS, THERMOMETERS, ANEROIDS, SPECTACLES, EYEGLASSES, &c.

BY THE BEST MAKERS, AND AT LOW PRICES.  
GENTLEMEN'S PARISIAN MADE SHIRTS, SCARVES, AND COLLARS IN THE NEWEST STYLES.  
FRENCH BOOTS AND SHOES OF BEST QUALITY.  
MEERSCHAUM PIPES, CIGAR CASES AND HOLDERS, ALBUMS, INKSTANDS, POCKET-BOOKS.

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF STATIONERY.  
CROCKERY WARE, TEA AND COFFEE SETS, RIFLES, FOWLING PIECES, AND REVOLVERS.  
A CHOICE SELECTION OF PINAUD'S BEST PERFUMERY, &c., &c., &c.

Hongkong, 2nd October, 1882. [666]

## For Sale.

FOR SALE.

G. H. MUMM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE.

QUARTS.....\$22 per Case.  
PINTS.....\$23 per Case.  
Apply to  
MELCHERS & Co.  
Hongkong, 2nd March, 1882. [132]

J. AND R. TENNENT'S ALE AND PORTER.  
DAVID CORSAIR & SONS' MERCHANT NAVY NAVY BOILED LONG FLAX CROWN ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.  
Hongkong, 15th June, 1882. [458]

JUST LANDED AND FOR SALE.  
EX "ESMERALDA"

HIGH STANDARD SUGAR. Manufactured by the LUZON SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED, at MANILA, in Quantities to suit Purchasers. This Sugar can be specially recommended for family use, as it is made without the use of animal charcoal or sulphuric acid. Fresh supplies will be received from Manila every fortnight.

TAI YUNE, Comprador, 2 Eastern Avenue, Central Market, Hongkong, 20th November, 1882. [762]

HONGKONG TIMBER YARD WANCHAI.  
OREGON PINE SPARS AND LUMBER ALWAYS ON HAND.  
L. MALLORY, Proprietor.  
Hongkong, 24th June, 1882. [495]

## Intimations.

HAIR DRESSING SALOON HONGKONG HOTEL.

W. F. MOORE begs to inform the Gentlemen of Hongkong and Visitors that he has reduced the price of Hair-Cutting to 50 cents. Having now in his employ three competent Assistants who are always in attendance, he guarantees to execute this class of work in all its branches, with a perfection which cannot be excelled in any part of the World.

Hair-Cutting.....50 Cents.  
Shampooing.....25 Cents.  
Shaving.....25 Cents.  
Trimming Beards.....25 Cents.

MONTHLY CUSTOMERS TAKEN AT REDUCED RATES.  
RAZORS MOST CAREFULLY RE-SET.

Mr. MOORE begs to recommend his GOGO SHAMPOO WASH to the public, as unrivalled by any preparation ever produced for promoting the growth of the hair. The basis of this compound is made of soap root; the natives of the Philippine Islands never use anything else for washing their hair; they are never found bald, and it is quite common to see the females with hair from 5 to 6 feet long. By constantly using this Shampoo Wash as directed, you will NEVER BE BALD.

The proprietor offers the Wash to the public entirely confident that, by its restorative properties, it will without fail arrest decaying hair, it completely eradicates scurf, dandruff, and cures all diseases of the scalp. It does not contain any poisonous drugs. By its cooling properties it allays the itching and fever of the scalp, which is the great cause of people losing their hair.

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BREVET LIEUT.-COL. H. S. PALMER, ROYAL ENGINEERS.  
Being a Review of Père Decheval's Work on the Typhoons of the China Seas.  
KELLY & WALSH—HONGKONG.  
Hongkong, 10th November, 1882.

## For Sale.

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HAVE RECEIVED EX LATEST ARRIVALS.

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VICES. HITCHCOCK'S PATENT LAMPS. GLASSCUTTERS. SCROLL SAWS. FAMILY GRINDSTONES. BLACKSMITHS' BELLOWS.

Best WHITWORTH'S STOCK AND DIES. SCREW WRENCHES. PLANE IRONS. CHISELS. HAMMERS. PINNERS. NIPPERS. DIVIDERS.

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CHARTS AND BOOKS. NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS. Sole Agents for Louis Audemars' Watches, awarded the highest Prizes at every Exhibition; and for Voigtlander and Sohn's CELEBRATED OPERA GLASSES, MARINE GLASSES, AND SPYGLASSES. No. 38, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL [447]

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THE T. Y. F. H. O. O. N. S. OF THE EASTERN SEAS.

BREVET LIEUT.-COL. H. S. PALMER, RO







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No. 282.

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## Insurance.

**YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.**

CAPITAL (Fully Paid-up).....Tls. 420,000.00  
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RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 13th May, 1882. [53]

## THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED).

CAPITAL TAELS 600,000, EQUAL \$833,333.33.  
RESERVE FUND.....\$70,858.27.

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MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the world.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST,  
Hongkong, 1st September, 1882. [50]

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ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.  
Hongkong, 15th June, 1881.

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Hongkong, 15th June, 1881. [457]

## NOTICE.

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WOO LIN YUEN, Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE,  
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST,  
Hongkong, 1st February, 1882. [81]

## Intimations.

THE GOLDEN SCISSOR.

No. 13, PORTINGER STREET.

A. M. ROBIN

(LATE OF T. M. LAWSON'S, CALCUTTA.)

TAILOR, Shirt and Breeches Maker and General Outfitter. Mr. ROBIN invites Public Patronage and guarantees a perfect fit at Moderate Charges.

N.B.—Note the address.

THE GOLDEN SCISSOR.

No. 13, Pottinger Street,  
Hongkong, 8th December, 1882. [197]

## Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION  
OF  
VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY.

THE Underigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on WEDNESDAY, the 27th day of December, 1882, at THREE P.M., on the Premises,

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE.  
ALL that PIECE or PARCEL OF GROUND being a PORTION OF MARINE LOT No. 87, measuring North 35 feet, South 35 feet, East 39 feet, and West 39 feet, which said Piece or Parcel of Ground is Registered in the Land Office as Section B of Marine Lot No. 87.  
Together with the TWO HOUSES on Queen's Road West, Nos. 15 and 17. Held for the residue of a term of 999 years. Yearly Crown Rent \$41.  
For Further Particulars and Conditions of Sale, apply to

SHARP, TOLLER, & JOHNSON,  
Solicitors for the Mortgagee.

or to J. M. GUEDES, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1882. [808]

## For Sale.

CHRISTMAS, 1882.

AS the above Festival is approaching, the Underigned begs to inform the Community of Hongkong that he is Prepared to Supply

CHRISTMAS CAKES

of the best quality, weighing from 1 lb. to 10 lbs. ready on hand, or made to order any weight.

ALSO,  
MINCED PIES, ASSORTED TARTS,  
CAKES, FRENCH BISCUITS, AND RUSKS.

D. NOWROJEE,

GROUND FLOOR, HONGKONG HOTEL,  
Hongkong, 15th December, 1882. [824]

KELLY & WALSH

HAVE JUST RECEIVED

EX U.S. "SARFEDON,"

A FRESH STOCK OF

COPE'S GOLDEN CLOUD

TOBACCO.

10. TINS, 10. TINS, 10. BOXES, 10. BOXES.

COPE'S STRAIGHT CUT.

10. BOXES.....10. BOXES.

ALSO,  
A STOCK OF THE FOLLOWING

AMERICAN TOBACCOS

ADAPTED EITHER FOR

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RICHMOND GEM MIXTURE.

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THE ABOVE ARE IN PACKETS AT

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KELLY AND WALSH'S

SPECIALTIES.

HAPPY THOUGHT—The favourite

Tobacco in the East, Medium

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This Tobacco is growing daily in

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OLD JUDGE CIGARETTES in Boxes of 500.

CAPORALS.....do.

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CIGAR AND CIGARETTE TUBES,

MEERSCHAUM PIPES,

PLAIN AND CARVED.

BOG OAK AND MYALL WOOD PIPES,

POUCHES AND TOBACCONISTS' SUNDRIES.

KELLY & WALSH—HONGKONG.  
Hongkong, 18th December, 1882. [559]

C. L. THEVENIN.

WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANT.

HONGKONG HOTEL BUILDINGS.

HAS FOR SALE

A FINE ASSORTMENT OF WHITE AND RED BURGUNDIES

AT MODERATE PRICES.

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Assorted LIQUEURS of the best quality.

BON-BONS, FRENCH PRESERVES,

FRESH BUTTER and CHEESE by Every

French Mail, PERFUMERY, &c., &c.  
Hongkong, 2nd October, 1882. [664]

## Intimations.

"NOVELTY STORE."  
MARINE HOUSE, QUEEN'S ROAD.

NOW SHOWING A LARGE AND SELECT ASSORTMENT OF

TOYS AND NOVELTIES

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F. D. GUEDES.  
Hongkong, 13th December, 1882. [817]

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RESOLUTION.  
That each of the Existing \$5,000 Shares of the Society be divided into Four Shares of \$1,250, upon each of which the sum of \$125 shall be credited as paid up.

By Order of the Board,  
DOUGLAS JONES,  
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 8th day of December, 1882. [805]

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By Order of the Board of Directors,  
D. McLAURIN,  
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 18th December, 1882. [829]

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## The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1882.

NOTWITHSTANDING the big bid made for notoriety at the meeting of the Legislative Council on Wednesday last by the Hon. F. BULKELEY JOHNSON, and the persistency with which the junior unofficial member thrust himself and his opinions before the assembly, it must be admitted that he only played a very minor rôle in the afternoon's performance. The hero of the day was unquestionably that one bright, particular star of our local government employs the Honourable—we had almost written and Reverend—JOHN MACNEIL PRICKE, Surveyor General of Hongkong. This clever master of the difficult art of diplomacy, apparently anxious to let off a pent-up deluge of rhetorical fireworks, by a place of about the most bare-faced jobbery we have yet seen exhibited at any meeting of our local senate—and to which we will presently further allude—gained his opportunity, obtained unheard-of license from his complacent and accommodating superior, and after a most eloquent harangue, which for bitter invective, only partially concealed by innuendo, against the Governor, has probably never been equalled in the history of the Colony, and a rather pitiful display of vulgar self-laudation, posed before the community and the world as an injured martyr, the innocent victim of PORCE HENNESSY's high handed duplicity.

The Great Tragedian, BANDMANN, presented a touching spectacle when he appeared in Shakespeare's sublime tragedy Hamlet as the melancholy Dane, with his suit of sables, and black thread gloves complete, and with a crystal dewdrop of abnormal size a conspicuous pendant to his still more conspicuous olfactory organ; but compared with patient official martyrdom on a monument of his own manufacture as represented by Mr. J. M. PRICKE, BANDMANN, the eminent and chaste, sinks into utter insignificance. It was indeed a heart-rending sight to see the deeply injured Surveyor General with that sad and plaintive expression on his noble countenance, revealing how much he had suffered on becoming acquainted with the Governor's peccadilloes, and to hear his beautifully modulated voice playfully piling up against His Excellency, with daring effrontery and all the skill of a prepared and practised orator, by the media of insinuations, innuendoes, and direct accusations, an indictment of so serious a character, that were it true as a whole, or even in part, Sir JOHN PORCE HENNESSY and Her Majesty's Colonial

Service would have parted company long ere now. But, is the indictment which has cost Mr. J. M. PRICKE so much labour and study, so much research and scheming, and so much histrionic eloquence, true or even partially true? Ay, there's the rub, Mr. Surveyor General and gentlemen of the Hongkong Legislative Council. If these things uttered by this officer against his absent superior are true, and they ought to be, to justify Mr. PRICKE, so perfect in their absolute accuracy as to deviate neither one way or the other to the extent of a single detail, the community of Hongkong, Her Majesty's Government, the citizens of the Mauritius and the British nation, require proofs, not mere insinuations unsupported by a tittle of reliable evidence; and it is for the Administrator of Hongkong to see that such proofs are forthcoming. Mr. J. M. PRICKE of all men in the world ought to know that *la crainte ordinaire fait qu'on s'y accoutume et que chacun la méprise*.

It is one thing dealing with a harmless gentleman of the type of Mr. BULKELEY JOHNSON, but quite another when your opponent is a clever and not over scrupulous politician like Mr. JOHN MACNEIL PRICKE. The unofficial member belongs to a class of aspirants for public fame which was well described by JOHN BRIGHT when he alluded to Sir CHARLES ADDERLEY, then President of the Board of Trade, as a dull man, a pedlar in political vapour. But Mr. JOHNSON's ally in this latest "put-up job" is a person of considerable attainments, whose career in Hongkong is a history of itself. Mr. J. M. PRICKE is far and away the cleverest of all our heads of departments, and the best estimate of his abilities may be formed from the undoubted fact that in the inner mysteries of official diplomacy he has always run a good second to the Governor himself, and in a few instances he has even succeeded in getting the weather gauge of that wily disciple of BENJAMIN DISRAELI. The "put-up job" above referred to, is the barefaced medium introduced for the purpose of giving the Surveyor General the opportunity of "making a public statement as to the large public works he has in hand, or has orders to carry out," or to speak more plainly, to make a most scandalous attack on the policy of the absent Governor of the Colony; an attack so violent, venomous, prejudiced, and unjust, so subversive of all the rules and regulations of government, and so audacious and unheard-of in the colonial history of the empire, that we cannot think Mr. J. M. PRICKE has heard the last of his bold but somewhat imprudent course of action. Mr. BULKELEY JOHNSON, addressing the Administrator said: "The question I have given notice of is to ask the Surveyor-General, whether in connection with the Tytam, water-works he has taken into consideration the recommendation as to the establishment of public lavatories in the colony. I ventured some months ago in the Chamber to call attention to this same subject, and I am glad to find in Mr. CHADWICK's report that he supports the recommendation. Any one who sees how the streams which fall down the north side of the island are polluted by the washermen, and the straits to which these people are reduced in the dry season, must be satisfied that the sanitation of the colony would be improved if some such system as that recommended by Mr. CHADWICK were adopted." Thereupon His Excellency called upon the Surveyor-General to answer the question of his hon. friend, and to make a statement as to the large public works he had in hand, or had orders to carry out, as such statement would be interesting both to the Council and the public. And then Mr. PRICKE commenced his greatest public attack on the character and policy of Governor HENNESSY. The Administrator was probably correct in saying that Mr. PRICKE's statement as to the public works he had in hand, and had orders to carry out, would be interesting to the public, but his action was nevertheless as singular as, we believe, it was unprecedented in the history of the Colony; and we cannot but think that he laid himself open to severe censure in permitting the Surveyor-General to wander at will from his subject for the express purpose of accusing, blackguarding, and vilifying the officer who is still the Governor of Hongkong.

After a very careful perusal and analysis of the Hon. J. M. PRICKE's exhibition of trumpet-blowing, one is rather astounded at the actual results of so much tall talk, apart from the covert attacks on the Governor. If the Surveyor-General intended, as requested by the Administrator, to afford the Council and the public some interesting information relating to the great works now in hand, he evidently forgot the ostensible purpose of his speech in his anxiety to blacken the fair fame of his former friend and patron. Everything that Mr. PRICKE said against Sir JOHN PORCE HENNESSY has been repeated times out of number before; the information regarding

the Tytam Water Works, the Lock Hospital, the new Lunatic Asylum, the Public Mortuary, and Meteorological Observatory, excepting the lavish praises the modest orator showered on himself, is "stale, flat, and unprofitable." It was no doubt effective and quite theatrical for Mr. PRICKE, in reply to the Administrator, to triumphantly announce that the work on the Tytam scheme was in hand, and that a commencement on the Hospital had been made that morning; but this style of playing to the gallery is somewhat too well known to be taken without a very large grain of salt. The stale dodge of endeavoring to make it appear that Governor HENNESSY had purposely lied to Earl KIMBERLEY on the subject of the conversion of the Lock Hospital into a General Hospital is quite unworthy of such a subtle diplomatist's talents. It could only mislead and deceive those who had an interest in being, or wished to be deceived and misled.

In the face of the decision of Lord KIMBERLEY, and notwithstanding that the Tytam Water Works have been actually commenced, we have good grounds for believing that Governor HENNESSY's opinion that Mr. PRICKE's water supply projects are not needed in Hongkong and are far too costly, is the view of nearly all the intelligent residents of this Colony. The Tytam Water scheme is the most gigantic piece of humbug that has ever been foisted on an indifferent government, and an easy-going community. It may possibly prove an everlasting monument to Mr. J. M. PRICKE, and an evidence of the utter imbecility of the government that sanctioned such a monstrous waste of public money. The only reason advanced as an argument in favor of the necessity for this scheme is contained in Mr. BULKELEY JOHNSON's rather ingenious explanation of his former opposition to it on the ground of its extravagance, and is to the effect: that the funds at the disposal of the Colony amount to over a million dollars. Professionals laugh, as well they may, at Mr. J. M. PRICKE's nonsensical technicalities. The Lock Hospital, Lunatic Asylum, Public Mortuary, and Meteorological Observatory need not be specially alluded to. As Mr. PRICKE is paid for superintending the public works of this Colony, we are really unable to see any grounds on which he can base claims to public gratitude.

In concluding his oration the Surveyor-General said:—"There is, of course, an undue amount of work of an ordinary nature which has devolved on the department over which I have the honour to preside, in consequence of the niggardly policy observed towards public works during the late administration. In conclusion, I have to express the hope that we have passed through a period of magnificent intentions to one of sober, earnest, unpretentious, action, and I have no doubt if I continue to be honoured with your Excellency's confidence, and if I can merit that of your Excellency's successor and retain that of members of this Council, I may yet do much during the next twelve months to retrieve the deplorable inaction of the past."—Let us at once frankly admit that these final observations, considered as a peroration, are worthy of all praise. But to be just it is only fair to show that they are rhetorical fusian, or in other words, cant and humbug. What does Mr. PRICKE mean by "the deplorable inaction of the past?" Is it not a fact that the honorable gentleman arrived in Hongkong in January 1873, four years before the advent of Governor HENNESSY? What works did Mr. PRICKE carry out from 1873 to 1877; and what did he accomplish from 1877 until he left for home two years ago? Why were these wonderful works, which were so urgently needed according to the Surveyor-General, not commenced before 1877? And above all, when Mr. JOHN MACNEIL PRICKE was emulating the "old man eloquent," why did he not explain his reason for pigeon-holing the Breakwater papers and plans? And why did he not sing a paean in his own praise at the success of that extraordinary work of scientific imagination?

A few short years ago Mr. PRICKE was Governor HENNESSY's closest friend and most servile follower. It is not worth while going into the reasons which led to the final "burst-up" between the pair; and we only refer to it to show how men may change with time, and to afford those who may not be acquainted with the past, a fair opportunity of judging the Surveyor-General's attack on the Governor on its due merits. We think Mr. PRICKE has been ill advised; if he imagines that the people of Hongkong are to be gulled by his plausible oratory he is sadly mistaken. We do homage to this accomplished government servant's vast ability; but we beg leave to take exception to his policy with regard to his superior officer, and consider that his remarks at the last meeting of the Legislative Council were of a most unjustifiable and reprehensible character, which the Secretary of State for the Colonies will scarcely permit to pass unnoticed.

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## TELEGRAMS.

## SIR CHARLES DILKE A CABINET MINISTER.

LONDON, December 18th.

Sir Charles Dilke will enter the Cabinet shortly.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

RETURN of visitors to the City Hall Museum for the week ended 17th December, 1882:—European 189, Chinese 2,479; total 2,668.

A LODGE of Emergency of Zealand, No. 525, will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zealand Street, on Saturday evening next, the 23rd instant, at 7.30 for 8 o'clock precisely.

A LODGE of Emergency of United Service, No. 1341, will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zealand Street, on Saturday evening next, the 23rd instant, at 7.30 for 8 o'clock precisely.

THE members of the Canton Amateur Theatrical Society will give a performance on Friday evening the 22nd inst. We have not received a programme, but understand that the *pièce de résistance* will be Henry J. Byron's popular burlesque "Faust and Marguerite." The committee having kindly favored us with a ticket; we hope to be present at the entertainment.

TELEGRAMS were received in Shanghai yesterday, says the Shanghai Mercury of the 14th inst., announcing the unexpected freezing over of the Peiho. In consequence of the sudden change in the weather, two steamers, the *El Dorado* and *Payah*, were unable to get away. The *Payah* was nipped at the double bend, and the *El Dorado* at the Nine Forks. It is not known whether the steamers were outward or inward bound at the time the ice pinned them in.

A TYPE-SLINGER named Philip Luz, whose name is not altogether unfamiliar to us, was cast in a fine of 50 cents this morning by Mr. Woodhouse for allowing fire-water to seep master him yesterday as to render him oblivious of the fact that he was knocking about the public streets in the condition known to the police as "incapable." We remember reading something in ancient history about Philip drunk and Philip sober, the object being to show that they were two quite different individuals, and doubtless Philip the type-slinger stands in the same position, and may be an excellent set-up of a copy, and an estimable member of society when not under the domination of Bacchus.

A REMAND from the 13th instant of the case in which Inspector Lee charged his "boy" on suspicion of annexing 51 Mexicanos belonging to him (Lee), having failed to throw any light on the subject of the whereabouts of the dollars, or as to the artful-rascal who appropriated them, though suspicion points strongly to the servant as the culprit, Mr. Woodhouse discharged the defendant this morning, upon his own recognizance in \$20 to appear in *propria persona* to answer any charge Inspector Lee or any other Inspector, sergeant, or constable may bring against him during the next three months. Celestial "boys" ever holding their personal recognizance as too sacred a thing to be violated or ignored, we have no doubt Inspector Lee's servant will run at a break-neck pace to the station and give himself up immediately he learns there is any chance of a sustainable charge being brought against him.

A SPECIAL issue of the *Government Gazette*, circulated this morning, says:—"Whereas by section 25 of Ordinance 8 of 1879, it is provided that whenever the Governor in Council has reasonable cause for believing that any country or place is infected with any infectious or contagious disease, he may make such regulations concerning vessels arriving from such country or place as he thinks necessary for preserving the public health of the Colony. And whereas by an order of the Governor in Council bearing date the 5th day of October, 1882, Manila was declared to be a place infected with an infectious disease, viz., cholera: And whereas it has been made to appear to the Governor in Council that Manila is no longer infected, it is hereby ordered that the said order bearing date the 5th day of October, 1882, shall from this date cease to apply in respect of Manila: Provided that this order shall not affect the liability of any person in respect of any thing done, in breach of the said order whilst the same was in force.

COMPLAINTS respecting the want of system in sweeping the streets of the colony are becoming too frequent to be any longer ignored. A correspondent writes that on Sunday last, whilst journeying along the Praya, when about 100 yards from the Harbour office, he was much annoyed by the dust raised by seven or eight miserable-looking scavengers who were engaged in their usual occupation at the unseemly hour of 1.30 p.m. We confess that the complainant does not send his growl without good cause, for we have recently observed that the coolies employed in keeping the streets clean seem to be of opinion that the greater the dust they raise, the better they are doing their work, and this idea appears to be acted more strongly on, if a European happens to be in the vicinity. We would ask if these men are put under some sort of supervision, and if they are not supposed to take their unsightly figures and implements from the public gaze before one hour and a half after mid-day? If the scavenging contractor is not required to have his work finished by a reasonable hour in the morning, it is quite time that some alteration were made in the contract. If, however, he is supposed to have the streets clean at an early hour, it is only right that some one from the proper department should see that a necessary public work is not allowed to develop into a nuisance. This matter should commend itself to the Surveyor General, and we can assure him that, if the rectifying of what appears to be a small matter does not bring him such everlasting fame as the Tytam Water Works, New Central School, and New Gaol, to say nothing of the lavish praise which will undoubtedly be his when the Hongkong Tramway becomes an accomplished fact, it will at least obtain for him the thanks of an at present much suffering and half-wit dust-choked community.

In the House of Commons on November 9th, Sir J. Pease asked the Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs whether instructions had been sent to Her Majesty's representative in China authorising him to ratify that portion of the Chefoo Convention which related to the duties on opium in the form in which it appeared in the Convention articles of 1856, or whether any conditions had been attached to the ratification of that article of the treaty as suggested in the despatch of the Government of India, No. 312, of 1881.—Sir C. Dilke: Sir J. Pease has returned to this country in order to consult with Her Majesty's Government on the subject, but no decision has yet been arrived at.

A MEETING of the Perseverance Lodge, No. 465, was held last night for the installation of the W. M. Bro. P. B. C. Ayres for the ensuing year by the District grand Master, who was accompanied by his Deputy and the grand Lodge officers. The following officer-bearers were invested:—

S. W. ....	Bro. E. Georg.
J. W. ....	P. Jordan.
Treasurer ..	A. Shepherd.
Secretary ..	E. Mackean.
S. D. ....	A. Woolley.
J. D. ....	G. Balliston.
Organist ..	J. S. Brewer.
D. C. ....	H. McCallum.
Steward ..	H. N. Mody.
J. G. ....	E. Georg.
Tiler .....	J. R. Grimble.

THE work of levelling and excavating the site of the new Roman Catholic Cathedral at "Glencaly," above the junction of Caine and Arbuthnot Roads, progresses apace, under the able supervision of the Rev. Father Vignaro, who is something of both a civil engineer and an architect. Some 130 men are employed on the site itself. An immense mass of hill, 320 feet long, 60 feet broad, and 48 feet high, has had to be cut away to clear the ground for building upon. By the time Bishop Keimondy arrives—about the 6th or 7th January, as his lordship does not seem to have reached Yokohama by the *Coptic*, no telegram having been received from him—the Rev. Father expects to have everything ready for the laying of the foundation stone by the Bishop. When completed, which it is hoped to be in about three years from the present time, the new Cathedral, which will be in the Gothic style, will form a noble addition to the architecture of the Colony. It will be 275 feet long in terminal, 135 feet broad in the centre, and 68 feet high; the tower, which will be in the front west corner, being 130 feet in height. Winding round the whole extent of the interior there will be a passage 18 feet wide raised off, its length being 640 feet. This will give great scope for the imposing processions in which the Catholic Church delights. There will be an area of 6,400 square feet in the interior of the Cathedral for the congregation, not including that comprised in the sanctuary and the five chapels within the Cathedral. Sixty windows of stained glass will ornament the noble pile, which will have 38 granite columns. The principal altar will be constructed of Carrara marble, Gothic style, the small altars being of the same marble in the Doric style. A Grand Organ of 32 registers will discourse sacred music within its spacious walls, and there will be a pent of six bells, to be brought specially from Lombardy, one set on the rotatory system, and one of joy bells. There will be two entrances to the Cathedral from Caine Road, one for chairs, and one for carriages. The principal entrance door will be on the south side of the building, there being two side doors, one on the east and one on the west. Two thousand seats, with kneeling benches, will be arranged for the congregation and visitors, and it is estimated the new Cathedral will be capable of accommodating some 3,000 people. The estimated cost of the whole, including the altars, organ, bells, &c., is \$170,000. The funds will be supplied by the *Probanda de fide*, but it is hoped assistance will be given by private persons. We hear that the brothers Messrs. D. H. and D. R. Kennedy have generously made an offer to supply the bells and Grand Organ. The plans were drawn by the late Mr. John Crawley, the well-known London architect who has been succeeded by Mr. Joseph S. Hanson. Our local architect Mr. W. Danby made some alterations in the plans.

## RACING NOTES.

The weather was again fearfully raw at daylight this morning, and consequently a limited number of "spores" lodged an appearance at Wong-nai-chong. Proceedings there were of course rather uninteresting, the gossip round the coffee table about the number of nominations, prospects of a grand race for the Derby, and kindred subjects, attracting far more attention than the work done by the various ponies. Mr. Henry's racers made their first appearance on the course, where, ridden by the veteran Joe Foxhound, Rialto, Incubus, and the two griffins Pelham and Rieni, went through a fair amount of testing exercises. These are all fine looking ponies, and they would win a lot of races for the popular "mauve and straw" jacket of one of the keenest sportsmen in the Far East. First Comet, Filbert, and other celebrities were at steady exercise. Mr. Lewis's white griffin Wangler overpowered Tintin and galloped nearly six furlongs before being stopped. This pony got over the ground in very good form. Mr. Capel cantered Blunder Blas the length of the straight, this powerful animal moving in a very suspicious style, and we shall not be surprised to see him break down during training. In any case he is a very much over-rated animal, and will indeed be lucky if he wins a single race. The young gentlemen and the dun griffin, alluded to in "An Old Sportsman's" notes on Saturday last, made another exhibition of themselves this morning, and they will certainly come to grief one of these days.

Exactly thirty nominations have been taken out for the Hongkong Derby of 1883, which is just the number we estimated. That Mr. C. C. is as tight as wax as to the nominations, although we really cannot see why there should be any secret about the matter. The nominations for races at home are always published in the newspapers, and as it would no doubt interest the public, we think Mr. Tripp should have furnished the local press with all necessary particulars. But then, as someone may say, Hongkong is so conservative, and no doubt it is; but at the same time it could very well afford to lose a good deal of its snobbish so-called conservatism and be none the worse for the loss. However, we can give a pretty accurate guess as to the nominations, and also the number of nominations. A new addition to the active ranks of our local turfists, Mr. Tasman, heads the poll with seven nominations, three of which, we understand, are specially reserved for another owner, Messrs. Kerfoot, Paul and Gordon run a dead heat for second place with four each, and then come Mr. St. Andrew and Mr. Henry with one less. Messrs. Vincent and Bromhead, two new aspirants for turf honors, are down for a couple each, which brings the total up to 29, and it is just possible that the young "spore" above mentioned has been overlooked, but this is a nomination for the short trotted dun paper chaser. We can safely calculate upon a large entry, probably not fewer than 20, and with such a powerful opposition we should certainly have, in 1883, the best contested and most exciting Hongkong Derby on record.

## MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held at the Council Chamber, Government offices, this afternoon, the business on the agenda being the second reading of the several bills particularized in our issue of Saturday last, after which the Council was to meet in finance committee for the despatch of financial business. There were present:—His Excellency the Administrator (the Hon. W. H. Marsh); the Hon. George Philipps, Chief Justice; the Hon. F. Stewart, Acting Colonial Secretary; the Hon. E. L. O'Malley, Attorney-General; the Hon. J. Russell, Colonial Treasurer; the Hon. J. M. Price, Surveyor-General; and the Hon. P. Ryrie and the Hon. F. B. Johnson, unofficial members.

Mr. Deacon, of the firm of Wootton, Wotton Deacon, and Mr. W. Danby, attended in connection with the Tramways' bill. The minutes of the last meeting having been read, by the Clerk of Councils and confirmed, Mr. Johnson, upon a nod from the Administrator, rose and referred to the notice he gave at the last meeting as to certain questions he intended to ask in reference to the smuggling of opium and other goods between this Colony and the mainland, and the acts of violence said to have been committed, and after referring to the report of the Police Inspector at Shau-ki-wan as to an affair between smugglers and the Revenue cruisers involving loss of life, expressed his surprise that the Government did not communicate the fact to the Chamber of Commerce. The report, he said, did not, of course, relate to allegations as to naval engagements in the harbour, and was for the most part guess work on the part of the Inspector. Certain statements in the report were so serious, it was unacceptable to the Government did not make a strict inquiry into the whole affair. It was not the duty of this Government to prevent infraction of the Chinese Revenue laws, and so long as chests of opium were charged with so heavy a duty, smuggling would take place, but acts of violence in our jurisdiction ought to be put down. If the statements in Mr. Creagh's report, and those in Sir John Pope Hennessy's Nottingham address are true, the responsibility rested on the Government of the Colony. His honorable friend on his left (Mr. Ryrie) objected to the blockade, not because it prevented smuggling, but because dues were levied in excess of what was right. He (Mr. Johnson) believed the statements made were grossly exaggerated, and it was high time an inquiry into all the facts should take place. Instead of putting the questions of which he had given notice, he would ask that a Commission of Inquiry be appointed, which would also throw some light on the blockade question. He would move a resolution that such a Commission be appointed to enquire into all the circumstances relating to smuggling. Mr. Russell seconded, and said it was absolutely necessary to ascertain the real state of things as to smuggling, as this port being the basis of smuggling operations might interfere with the proper collection of the revenue by the Chinese Government. It was said Hongkong was a smuggling depot, but he never saw it put forward until Sir John Pope Hennessy made the statement. Mr. Ryrie thought an inquiry might be made by the Executive of the Colony, and that if a Commission sat and the proceeding were published, it might do the Colony more harm than good, as the Chinese Government would take advantage of it and take up everything that favored their own views of the case. He did not see why the police should not stop acts of violence if committed in our waters; if outside, it didn't concern us. He doubted if the great engagement, with 100 on one side and 150 on the other, ever took place. He had visited the place, and he could see no attempt at a protection service, there being only a few illiterate coolies in charge, and no semblance of a protection service worthy the name. The police could make enquiries and obtain every information without a Commission. He supposed there was a law in the Colony which prevented armed bands from leaving the port. The Administrator said he thought it would be more satisfactory to the Government and the public to have a Commission to enquire into the alleged smuggling. The evidence need not be published. Valuable evidence could be obtained from the Chinese and from the officers of the Revenue Cruisers. If the evidence were to be published, they might not like to give any at all. An understanding that it would not be published could be made with them. The attack referred to by the Inspector, he understood, occurred on the mainland, not on the water.

The whole thing was devised in Chinese territory. The smugglers were beaten back by the Revenue Cruisers and went to Shaukiwan. He did not think the Government was responsible. He had instructed Captain Deane to give every information in such matters, and he also wrote to the Consul at Canton asking him to inform the Viceroy that we should be glad to encourage smuggling. He thought it most useful and desirable to appoint a Commission of Inquiry, and would take an early opportunity of doing so. Our early hour of going to press will not allow of our giving any more of the Council's proceedings to-day.

## NINPO.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

December 18th.  
Recently invitations to dinner have been the order of the day, owing to the departure for Shanghai of one of our community. We refer to Mr. MOSES, Esq., representative of the firm of Messrs. David, Jackson, Esq., and Co., of the port. During his stay, amongst other things, this gentleman has made himself generally popular by his well-known hospitality and the hearty manner in which he entered into any little scheme for our amusement. Mr. MOSES left per steamship *Kiangtse* yesterday, and many of his old friends went to see him off; nor were the natives to be outdone in expressing their kindly wishes towards him, as many of them were there, and with a *bon air* of fire-crackers, joined in wishing him on his way. We feel sure that Mr. MOSES carries with him the hearty good wishes of the entire community.  
The weather is fine, but cold. We have had a few showers of rain, and the mountains are all in a state of snow. Recently very high fogs have inundated the land and part of the main gulf.  
It is with pleasure we see the restoration of our Protestant church just drawing to a close. The beautiful stained glass memorial window placed in commemoration of the late lamented Bishop Russell, is completed, and we learn that on next Christmas day (26th) the church will be opened and the service will be performed.  
The "Wenchow" have had their nominal non-existence attested by the public circulation of a Chinaman's who was some three years ago in some way connected with the Buxton abduction case at that port. It is said to have caused no little excitement.



## NEWS BY THE FRENCH MAIL.

The Messageries Maritimes Co.'s steamer *Djemnah*, Captain De Boisseul Baron, with the London mails of the 10th ulto, arrived in harbour late yesterday afternoon. The following telegrams appear in the Indian papers:—

PARIS, November 22nd.  
M. Sottelle, the traveller, has written a letter to a French Deputy stating that the Sultan of Latta has ceded to him the bank of Tadjurah in the Gulf of Aden.

ST. PETERSBURG, November 24th.  
Disturbances have taken place amongst the students here. Warsaw and Czarkoff Colleges have been closed; one hundred students have been arrested in St. Petersburg.

CONSTANTINOPLE, November 24th.  
Montenegro threatens to occupy Kolatchin unless ceded immediately. Turkey has sent troops to the frontier, and has telegraphed the powers regarding the same.

LONDON, November 24th.  
Lord Hartington, replying to a question in the House of Commons, said it was not decided to what distance the Railway beyond Sibit towards Kandahar will extend.

November 25th.  
The Governor of South Australia has been appointed Governor of New Zealand; the Governor of Western Australia has been appointed Governor of South Australia.

The Duke of Edinburgh is indisposed with an attack of bronchitis.  
Mr. Childers is in a prostrate state from overwork, and is going abroad.

Sir Andrew Clarke, Inspector general of fortifications and works, has arrived at Cairo to improve the sanitary arrangements of the quarters occupied by British forces.

November 26th.  
The Duke of Edinburgh is recovering from his attack of bronchitis.

A detective was shot at and killed by a Fenian at Dublin last evening. The assassin, who was arrested, was dangerously wounded by another detective. Other arrests have been made.

The Queen yesterday invested the recipients of the Orders of the Bath and of the Star of India and St. Michael and St. George at Windsor Castle.

Colonel Redvers Buller has been appointed Knight Commander of St. Michael and St. George.

Mr. Raikes is far ahead of opponents in polling for the Cambridge University.

27th November.  
One of the juries in the trial of Michael Walsh, who was sentenced to death last September for shooting Constable Kavanagh at Letterfrack, County Galway, was stabbed yesterday by two assassins in Dublin and mortally wounded. The assassins effected their escape in a car. A ballist was stabbed later on in Dublin yesterday. Extra police have been put in Dublin, and the whole force is now armed with revolvers.

Negotiations have been broken off between France and Madagascar. Envoys from the Queen of Madagascar arrived in London yesterday.

Lord Salisbury has been prevented with the freedom of Edinburgh after several days' stopping in Midlothian.

CONSTANTINOPLE, 27th November.  
Assin Pasha has been appointed Minister of Foreign Affairs.

LONDON, November 28th.  
The murder of the detective police officer has caused great consternation in Dublin.

It is reported that Montenegro has agreed to compromise respecting Kolatchin.

Parliament is expected to prorogue on Friday next until February.

Mr. Gladstone, replying to a question in the House of Commons this evening, said that the Supplementary Estimate until October 1st amounted to £750,000 for the Army, and £310,000 for the Navy. The actual charge to India was below the estimate, and only amounted to £1,140,000. The total charge to England and India was £4,500,000. He then said that from the 1st October the Egyptian Government would pay the whole or nearly the whole expenses connected with British occupation.

Mr. Raikes has been elected member for the Cambridge University.

CONSTANTINOPLE, November 28th.  
It is semi-officially stated that the Porte has resolved to maintain Turkish sovereignty in the Red Sea, and to prevent the Chiefs from ceding their territory.

LONDON, November 29th.  
Sir C. Dilke, replying to a question in the House of Commons has said that the Russian troops had advanced as far as Gawors, which is situated between Asterabad and Baba Urma, and that the Russian Cavalry had traversed the country from Atak to Berege. He said it is not believed that the Russian troops had reached Melv.

A Proclamation has been issued enforcing the Curfew Clause of the Coercion Act in India.

A reward of £5,000 has been offered for the murderer of the juryman in the Walsh trial.

Lord Granville, replying to a deputation, said he was unaware of the existence of any treaty conceding to the French the protectorate over Madagascar.

The Native Indian officers leave England to-day for Bombay.

Cairo, November 28th.  
Lord Dufferin has advised the Egyptian Government to drop the charges against Arabi in connexion with the massacres and burnings in Alexandria.

MADRAS, November 27th.  
It is considered probable that the Duke of Connaught will succeed General Pryn in Command of the Mysore Division at Bangalore. General Pryn's term has expired, but he will probably remain till the arrival of the Duke, who would have the advantage of serving under Sir Frederick Roberts.

LONDON, November 30th.  
The health of the troops in Egypt is improving.

Sir A. D. Heyer, replying to a question in the House of Commons, said the officers of the British army of occupation in Egypt receive a daily extra allowance of three shillings, which is chargeable to the Egyptian Government.

The Bishop of Oxford is very ill.

M. Lesseps has declared that the Suez Canal Company intend spending 30 millions of francs in widening and deepening the Canal so as to raise the tonnage to six millions annually.

December 1st.  
Mr. Trevelyan, replying to a question in the House of Commons, said if the members of the National League continued their inflammatory speeches the League would be suppressed.

December 1st.  
Messrs. Williams and Redmond are to be prosecuted, and Messrs. Davitt and Healy are to be bound to good behaviour.

December 1st.  
The Duke of Edinburgh has been appointed Vice-Almiral.

The new Turkish Cabinet formed is Anglo-Philistia.

The subjoined items of general news are taken from the *London and China Express* of November 10th:—

No progress is being made with the negotiations with the *Madagascar* Embassy in Paris.

the Government refusing to recognise the sovereignty of Queen Ronovala over the whole island.

Sir J. Pope Hennessy was among the visitors to the lobby of the House of Commons on the 8th inst.

Mr. C. F. A. Sangster, of the Hongkong Civil Service, has been admitted a student of the Middle Temple.

At a meeting of the Metropolitan Board of Works it was resolved that the Lord Chamberlain should be considered that the board considered the Criterion Theatre in its present structural condition unfit for a place of public entertainment.

It is semi-officially stated that the Turkish Ambassador has not yet preferred any claim to the Foreign Office to insist upon the consent of the Porte to the investiture of the new Bey of Tunis, but that any such revival of an obsolete pretension, if made, will be peremptorily rejected.

The *Linnæ* 5, double-screw composite gunvessel, 767 tons, 1,040-horse power, which was commissioned on September 19th, at Chatham, by Commander Harris, with a crew of eighty-two officers and men, for the China station, to relieve the *Lily*, is now at Portsmouth awaiting her sailing orders.

Among the Hamilton MSS. just sold to the German Government is one written in golden uncial letters on purple velvet, and dates from the seventh century. It is the copy of the Gospel in Latin, presented to Henry VIII. by Leo X. on the occasion of conferring on him the title of Defender of the Faith.

The Earl of Rosebery has delivered his inaugural address as rector of the University of Edinburgh, and spoke at some length on patriotism, which he defined as the self-respect of race. In Scotland, he thought, the spirit of patriotism required direction rather than sustenance. Let them win in the competition of international well-being and prosperity. The standard of mankind was not so exalted but that a higher could be imagined and attained.

The gunboat *Mosquito*, Lieut. Commander the Hon. F. R. Sandilands, from the China station, the crew of which performed such excellent service in the Egyptian war, was paid off in Devonport dockyard on the 7th instant. The Commander-in-Chief (Sir Houston Stewart) was in the yard as the men were quitting the vessel for their usual six weeks' leave, and shook many of them warmly by the hand as they proceeded through the gates.

Colonel A. Stuart, half-pay, Lothian Regiment, who has been appointed to the command of the 9th Regimental District, at Stirling, in succession to Colonel M. de la P. Heresford, served at the siege of Sebastopol, where he was severely wounded (medal with clasp, 5th Class of the Medjidie, and Turkish Medal). He served also in the campaign of 1860 in China, including the taking of Sihho and Tangku, the occupation of Tientsin, and the surrender of Peking (medal with two clasps).

Staff-Commander John William King, R.N., of Vernon house, Worthing, died last week, in his seventieth year. The deceased entered the Navy in 1829. He served as acting master of the *Albatross* and *Wallowley* on the coast of China in 1840-42, and was present at all the operations up to the capture of Ningpo. He was specially mentioned in despatches for "zeal and intelligence in surveying and sounding the different passages for the advance of the squadron, and the gallantry he displayed in the various attacks upon the enemy." Mr. King was the author of the Admiralty Channel, Pilot, and other Sailing Directions.

A dangerous shoal has lately been placed upon the Admiralty chart, No. 8, Sheet 4, of the Red Sea. As the official hydrographer has not issued a "Notice to Mariners" on the subject, and the shoal is still unmarked on the general chart of the Red Sea, it may be advisable to call attention to this new danger. This 19-foot patch lies to the northwest of Jeb-el-Tier Island, near the 100 fathom line on the western side of the fairway of the Red Sea, in latitude 15 deg. 38 min. N., and longitude 41 deg. 48 min. 30 sec. E. From the shoal the summit of Jeb-el-Tier Island bears E. by S. 3/4 S., distant 21 1/2 miles. Depths of five fathoms are shown for two miles to the southward of this shoal, and S. 1/2 E., nine miles from the 19-foot patch, another bank of five fathoms is marked.

The present week is one of some note in journalistic annals. On November 7th, 1865, was issued the first number of the existing *London Gazette*, the oldest paper in England, though not in Europe, it being some thirty years younger than the *Gazette de France*. The *London Gazette* was first published at Oxford, whether the Court had been on account of the plague; the first London number appearing on February 5th in the following year. During some years it was the only paper allowed to circulate; hence the *Newspapers*. Germany is said to have waited for a regular newspaper till the year 1715; for a free Press she is still waiting. Of English unofficial papers the *Reading Mercury* claims to be the most ancient, and is certainly upwards of 150 years old. The *Times* lacks rather more than five years to complete the first century of its life; at least under its present name. The *Daily Universal Register* first appeared on January 1st, 1785; its appellation being changed to *The Times* on January 1st, 1788. The *Morning Post*, the senior of the great London dailies, completed its hundredth year in 1881.

The first attempt at cultivation of opium in intertropical Africa has been made at Chama, near Mopeia, about four miles from the Zambezi, and on the banks of the Quana. M. Guyot lately visited the place, and has described the operations to the Paris Academy. The space occupied is between the two rivers Muto and Quana. The fields were first sown in 1879; in 1880 the surface sown was 44 hectares; in 1881 about double that quantity. In 1881 there were 300 workers engaged, 250 of whom were blacks and 50 natives of India. The opium is gathered 75 days after sowing, whereas in India the harvest does not commence till about the 110th day. The product per hectare was—in 1880, 55 to 60 kilograms of raw opium (as against 50 kilograms on an average in India). The water required is taken from two recently-completed lagoons by means of a locomotive which raises it 550 metres; it then flows into the plantation through pipes. (A second machine was to be set up this year.) The plant is not subject to any parasite, but the wind at harvest-time may seriously compromise operations. The soil is worked in primitive style with the hoe; ploughs drawn by oxen have been tried, but these animals suffer greatly under the burning sun. The gathered opium gives off a slight odour *sui generis*. It is not sufficient to compare it with the opium of a special matter, and formed into balls of 500 grammes. These balls are carefully put in cases that hold 140; at the bottom is a powder formed of the empty capsules and leaves of the poppies and a layer of cotton. Sent to India, the Zambesi opium fetches 50 to 60 francs the kilogramme.

STEAMERS EXPECTED.  
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## To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.  
THE 3/3 L. I. American Ship

"C. F. SARGENT,"  
Atherton, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.  
For Freight, apply to  
RUSSELL & Co.  
Hongkong, 19th December, 1882. [830]

FOR NEW YORK.  
THE 3/3 L. I. American Bark

"SAMUEL D. CARLETON,"  
Freeman, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.  
For Freight, apply to  
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Hongkong, 19th December, 1882. [831]

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

NOTICE JOAO JOSE DA SILVA E SOUZA of Victoria, Hongkong, Printer, having been Adjudged Bankrupt under a Petition for Adjudication Filed in the Supreme Court of Hongkong, in Bankruptcy, on the 6th day of December, 1882, is hereby required to surrender himself to EDWARD JAMES ACKROYD, Esquire, the Registrar of the said Court, at the FIRST MEETING OF CREDITORS to be held by the said Registrar on the 3rd January, 1883, at 11 o'clock in the Forenoon, precisely, at his CHAMBERS, SUPREME COURT.

The said EDWARD JAMES ACKROYD, Esquire, is the Official Assignee, and Messrs. STEPHENS and HOLMES are the Solicitors in the Bankruptcy.

A Public sitting will hereafter be appointed by the said Court for the said Bankrupt to pass his final Examination, and to make application for his Discharge, of which sitting due notice will be given in the "HONGKONG GOVERNMENT GAZETTE."

At the First Meeting of Creditors the Registrar will receive the proofs of the Debts of the Creditors, and the Creditors who shall have proved their Debts respectively, or the majority in value of the said Creditors, are hereby directed to choose at such meeting an Assignee, or Assignees, of the Bankrupt's Estate, to be called the Creditors' Assignee or Assignees.

Dated this 19th day of December, 1882.  
STEPHENS & HOLMES,  
Solicitors in the Matter.

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GARDEN, STABLE, AND COACH HOUSE. Full Particulars to be sent to  
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J. M. GUEDES.

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No. 33, WELLINGTON STREET, HONGKONG.  
Hongkong, 23rd January, 1882. [62]

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